

Skukuza Golf Club

THE PROTOCOL

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1. NAME

The name of the Club shall be “SKUKUZA GOLF CLUB” (hereinafter referred to as the “CLUB”)

2. OBJECTIVES

The objects of this protocol is:

- 2.1 To confirm the conduct, traditions, rules and regulations of competitions, sponsor days, opportunities and trophies; and
- 2.2 To ensure a reasonable understanding around future awards and handovers.
- 2.3 This protocol, unless otherwise stated, overwrites all and any previous versions, whether official or unofficial.

3. CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

The Lowveld Golf Association have made the decision that all clubs should host their Club Championship on the same LGA approved day. This is to avoid members, belonging to more than one club, to go on a trophy hunt. However, the LGA is aware that this might not be preferential to all clubs and any such club should notify the President of the Lowveld Golf Association of a new date the Club Championship will be played.

- 3.1 Players must enter the competition 48 hours prior to the championship start time approved by the Club Captain.
 - 3.1.1 Male/Female members older than 50 years, are automatically entered into the Veteran Championship. Refer to clause 3.6 for further explanation.
 - 3.1.2 Member’s whose annual fees are not fully paid up within 48 hours of the club championship will not be allowed to enter the competition.
 - 3.1.3 Senior club championship is for male members 16 years and older
 - 3.1.4 Lady club championship is for female members 16 year and older
 - 3.15 Junior club championship is for male/female members younger than 16 years
- 3.2 The Club Championship is played over 36 holes for senior members, 36 holes for lady members, 36 holes for veteran members and 27 holes for junior players.
- 3.3 The format of the day for all entries will be **Medal** – also known as **Stroke play** following the rules of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews and thus any ruling will be based on the rules applied by the said club.
- 3.4 The Club Captain is responsible to reconcile the player entries and draft the order of the field. It is the norm for the lowest handicaps to play together during the first 18 holes. Thereafter, players with the lowest gross score is entered together for the second 18 holes.
 - 3.4.1 It is the Club Captain’s prerogative to decide which tee boxes are used on the day, however the first few 4-balls must play from the first tee box. In other words, groups

with the lowest handicaps start on the first hole and groups with higher handicaps may start on the fourth hole.

- 3.5 The winner of the Seniors, Ladies and Juniors categories will be determined by the lowest total gross score over 36 and 27 holes respectively.
 - 3.5.1 Ladies compete for the Lady Club Championship
 - 3.5.2 Juniors may not compete in any of the other categories unless he/she turned 16 years in which case they fall in the Senior/Lady Category.
- 3.6 The winner of the Veteran category will be determined by the lowest total NETT score over 36 holes.
 - 3.6.1 In the event of a Veteran accumulating the lowest gross score over 36 holes for the championship, the said veteran will be withdrawn from the Veteran category and be awarded the Senior/Lady Club Championship trophy and prize.
 - 3.6.2 The runner up of the Veterans category will then be awarded the Veterans Championship.
- 3.7 In the case of a draw (in any of the categories), a sudden death medal play-off must take place on the same day starting on hole number 18; should there be a tie on hole 18, players will must onto hole no 1 and continue until a winner is determined. The player with the least amount of strokes on any given sudden death hole is deemed as the winner. In the event of more than 2 players played the sudden death round, players other than the winner, must continue the sudden death for the remaining positions.
 - 3.7.1 The Club Captain is the Rules Official and Decision Maker for any sudden death match. If the club captain is competing in the sudden death, the following order of stand-in captains will be followed: Chairman, Vice-Captain, Vice-Chairman, longest serving committee member. It is pre-empted that more than 6 committee members will not partake in a sudden death play-off.
 - 3.7.2 In the event of bad light (which only the Club Captain can decide), the match will be postponed to the following day but play over 18 holes with a medal format. The winner will be determined by the lowest gross for the day.
- 3.8 The handover of the Senior, Lady, Junior, Veteran and Roche trophies should be done by the wife/partner/mother of the previous year's Senior Mens Championship.
- 3.9 The rest of the trophies should be handed over by a lady chosen by the Chairman of the Club.
- 3.10 The winner of each of the categories must receive a Gold Medal.
- 3.11 The use of golf carts is strictly prohibited (for all players – no matter the circumstances) unless a medical certificate is submitted no later than 48 hours before the start of the championship with the club captain.
- 3.12 Player and one partner is invited to the Prize Giving Dinner free of charge.
- 3.13 The course will be closed for ANY play/practice the day before club championship.

Trophy Schedule with Rules and Regulations	
Name of Trophy	Rules & Regulations
Senior Men's Championship Trophy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open for all male players qualifying as per the criteria in point 3.1 • Winner is decided by the lowest total gross over 36 holes. • 2nd and 3rd place is awarded a silver and bronze medal respectively
Ladies Championship Trophy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open for all female players qualifying as per the criteria in point 3.1 • Winner is decided by the lowest total gross over 36 holes. • 2nd and 3rd place is awarded a silver and bronze medal respectively
Veteran Championship Trophy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open for all male/female players qualifying as per the criteria in point 3.1 • Winner is decided by the lowest total Nett over 36 holes. Note point 3.6 • 2nd and 3rd place is awarded a silver and bronze medal respectively
Junior Championship Trophy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open for all players younger than 16 years. • Winner is determined by the lowest gross over 27 holes. • Juniors are allowed to play off the ladies' tee boxes. • 2nd and 3rd place is awarded a silver and bronze medal respectively
Roche Trophy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winner is determined by the lowest nett over the first 18 holes. • All qualifying players can compete for this trophy
The above trophies are deemed as the Top 5 trophies played for on the day	
Agfa Trophy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winner is determined by the highest Stableford points accumulated over the first 18 holes.
Jersey Trophy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winner is determined by the lowest Nett score over 36 holes.
Golf Nut Trophy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winner is determined by the player with the highest gross score over 36 holes.

4. ANNUAL COMPETITIONS

The following trophies are awarded at the Club Championship prize giving. These are annual trophies and winners are determined throughout the year. The annual period each year opens on the first day of March and closes on the last day of February.

4.1 Flight Section Trophy	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Members must enter for this competition no later than 30 July each year.2. The club captain will determine the first round of play by drawing of names. The entries should be split in half with one half the lowest handicaps and the other the highest handicap. The captain must draw one lower and one higher name and this becomes the playing pair in round one.3. The competition is played over 9 holes on a medal match play format (high handicap less low handicap = the player with the high handicaps new handicap for the match play. The lower handicap will automatically become a scratch for the game)4. The player at the top of the pair is responsible to arrange a suitable date and time.5. In the case of the game not being played by the due date, and the captain is not satisfied with the excuse, the defaulting player is disqualified and fined R250.00
4.2 Whyte Trophy	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Players losing the first round of the flight section goes through for this trophy.2. It is played on the same format as the Flight Section Trophy3. The same rules and regulations count as per Flight Section Trophy
4.3 "Lampies" Trophy	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Members enter as pairs for this competition no later than 30 July each year.2. The club captain will determine the first round of play by drawing pairs without prejudice. Players' handicaps are added together to determine if it's high or low. The entries should be split in half with one half the lowest handicaps and the other the highest handicap. The captain must draw one lower and one

	<p>higher pair and this becomes the playing pair in round one.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. The competition is played over 18 holes on a medal match play format (high handicap less low handicap = the player with the higher handicap's new handicap for the match play. The lower handicap will automatically become a scratch for the game) 4. The pair at the top of the game is responsible to arrange a suitable date and time. 5. In the case of the game not being played by the due date, and the captain is not satisfied with the excuse, the defaulting team is disqualified and fined R500.00 6. In case one player of a pair pulls out, the playing pair automatically forfeits the game without any default.
<p>4.4 Most improved player</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Pro Shop must keep record of all players' handicaps from the 1st March to the last day in February. 2. Winner will be determined by the most shots on his/her handicap dropped. 3. Members joining throughout the year can also be entered for this trophy provided he/she has been a member for more than 3 months. 4. In case of a draw, the player with the lowest handicap on the day of the club championship is awarded the trophy 5. Should there still be a draw, the player that reached the lowest handicap first, is awarded the trophy.
<p>4.5 Lake Panic Trophy</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Winner is determined by the most 2-clubs on 2/11 and 9/18 (total) from 1 March to the last day of February. 2. In case of a draw, the player with the most on number 2/11 will be awarded the trophy.
<p>4.6 Champion Trophy</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Winner is determined by the player with the most accumulated winning points over Saturday and Public Holiday competitions. 1st place is awarded 3 points, 2nd place awarded 2 points and 3rd awarded 1 point. Player with the most points is awarded this trophy. 2. In case of a draw, the player that won the last match is awarded the trophy.

The club appreciates the history of the golf course and its competitions; but some trophies are no longer an interest for our members, such as the Ecclectic Trophy (sponsored by unknown individual/s) and Coran Marma Trophy (sponsored by Neels and Tina van Niekerk).

5. JOKE OF THE LOWVELD

- 5.1 This tournament includes 8 competitions played over 4 days, which normally starts on the first Wednesday of May (this might change in future). Each competition has its own sponsor that is responsible for a sponsor fee and prizes for 1st to 5th place, longest drive and 2 x nearest to pins. More prizes and Most Golf prize is optional.
- 5.2 Sponsors will be given the following privileges and such is included in the sponsor fee (per field sponsored and the fee will be revised annually):
- Full marketing anywhere on the course (including the clubhouse) from the tee-off time until finish of the sponsored field. (e.g. 06h30 to 12h00 and 12h00 to 17h30, plus marketing at prize giving of the particular sponsored day)
 - Optional use of No 5. Halfway house
 - One complimentary 4-ball entry with 2 golf carts
- 5.3 The format for all Joke competitions will be Individual Stableford, should a sponsor request any other format, he/she should allow at least 4 weeks' notice to provide players the opportunity to make the necessary arrangements.
- 5.4 Players with an official handicap, that is obtained from SAGA, will be allowed to play off that handicap even if it is more than the stipulated maximums in 5.4.1, 5.4.2 and 5.4.3. Players without an official handicap will be allowed a maximum of:
- 5.4.1 Senior Men maximum 18 handicap
- 5.4.2 Veteran Men maximum 24 handicap
- 5.4.3 Ladies and Juniors (younger than 16 years) maximum 28 handicap
- 5.5 Skukuza Golf Club does not have Veteran tee-boxes and therefor do not allow forward play (regardless of age).
- 5.6 In light of the fact that we have had problems pertaining to cancellations, the following cancellation policy will be implemented for visiting golfers:
- 5.6.1 No refund will be processed for any cancellation after 1 February each year.
- 5.6.2 All other cancellations will be refunded within 30 days.
- 5.7 In light of the fact that we have had problems pertaining to cancellations, the following cancellation policy will be implemented for MEMBER golfers:
- 5.7.1 No refund will be processed for any cancellation after 12h00 the Monday before the Joke tournament.
- 5.7.2 All other cancellations will be refunded within 30 days.

- 5.8 In order to confirm your slot in any of the competitions, we require 100% payment thereof by 12h00 the Monday before the start of the Joke.
- 5.9 Junior (younger than 16 years) participation in the Joke will be limited to 4 players on the Saturday morning of the Joke.
- 5.9.1 The slots for these players will be based on first come first served.
- 5.9.2 These players will not be permitted to play in the same four-ball and the Club Captain will ensure a senior player is allocated a junior.
- 5.9.3 Juniors (younger than 16) must play from the ladies' tee box with a handicap defined in clause 5.4
- 5.9.4 Juniors will compete in their own competition and will not be eligible for a trophy.
- 5.9.5 It is the Club's responsibility to arrange for a prize specifically for the Junior Competition.
- 5.10 The Club will envisage that a member is allocated a competition to act as the course marshal for the field. Such a course marshal may not play as it is his/her prerogative to ensure speed of play as well as assist with ruling on the course.
- 5.10.1 In order to speed up play even further, Skukuza Golf Club will apply the Nomad Rule on number 9/18. Nomad rule is to allow players on the tee box to tee-off before players on the green continue putting.
- 5.11 Depending on the demand for the Saturday competitions, the club captain may implement the following (affected players will be notified before the start of the Joke or by no later than 48 hours of the affected move):
- 5.11.2 Members with handicaps higher than 18 will not be allowed to participate
- 5.11.3 Members may be shifted from AM to PM and vice versa to accommodate sponsor and regular players
- 5.11.4 It remains the club captain's prerogative to ensure a successful Joke and thus any ruling he/she would like to implement will be accepted as a local rule.
- 5.12 No player may receive more than one trophy during a tournament but may receive the 1st prize for the relevant field. The runner-up receives the trophy with the 2nd place prize.
- 5.13 The Club Captain will recalculate the handicaps of every player from position 1 to 5 for every field. The handicap of a player will be cut by using the following criteria:
- 5.13.1 Player can only be cut if in position 1 to 5 of a field.
- 5.13.2 For the purpose of clarity; "cut" means to subtract the penalty shots from a players' official handicap.
- 5.13.3 A player will be cut by one shot for every point scored above 36 points. (e.g. if 42 points scored, he/she will be cut by 6 shots)
- 5.13.4 Should a player be in the top 3 again and after being cut previously, his/her handicap will be cut even further using the above formula, but should they be in position 4 or

5 the handicap will not be cut further. This is to still allow a good performing player a chance to win prizes for the remainder of the Joke.

5.13.5 A cut handicap will be the revised handicap for a player for any remaining competitions of the Joke.

5.14 Scorecards must be completed in full, the Club Captain has the right to disqualify any incorrectly filled scorecard.

6. SPRING TROPHY

This competition takes place during September or October each year. In recent years, it has become the norm to play the competition on 24 September (Public Holiday – Heritage Day).

The competition is played over 18 holes on a Point Stableford basis. Players would play from a scratch handicap and add their official handicap at the end of the round. To keep it open and to provide every player a fair chance of winning, the maximum handicap for men is 24, ladies 28 and juniors 28.

The player dressed the most colorful for the competition, will receive 3 logo golf balls from the club; other prizes will depend on the number of participants (refer clause 14).

Traditionally the club will provide a light dinner for the player and spouse, free of charge.

7. SKUKUZA VS WATERKLOOF (PRESIDENSIE)

This is a competition between Skukuza Golf Club and Waterkloof Golf Club that is played rotationally in a year. Normally the first Saturday of February, Waterkloof Golf Club will host players and the third weekend in September Skukuza Golf Club will host players (this was changed from the first weekend in August to accommodate the Pretoria players in terms of accommodation).

The representative from each club is responsible to make all the arrangements for the golf at their respective clubs, which includes the pairing of 4-balls and dinner arrangements.

The Green Fees will be that off Waterkloof Golf Club's member rates for both games and all players. The competition is a Betterball Stableford (one score to count) format and the representatives must decide (before each game starts) how many cards will count towards the total score.

Representatives may choose any player for their team provided they can be linked to one of the respective clubs.

Traditionally, the chairman of each club acts as the representative, but he/she may assign the duties to any committee member.

8. UBOMBO RANCHES

The competition is played on an individual Stableford basis. The club captains decide how many scorecards would count towards the winner on the day. Adding up all the scores determines the winner for each team.

9. HOLE-IN-ONE

All players', that scored a hole in one, name will be placed on the board at the clubhouse. A player that scored a Hole-in-One on any of our official club holes, must have been accompanied by an

affiliated golfer who can sign-off in the hole-in-one scored. The Club will give each player 12 Skukuza Logo golf balls and ensure the necessary associations are notified in writing.

10. MONTHLY MUG

This competition is played on a monthly basis over 18 holes. Due to sponsor days, it might not be possible for a Monthly Mug to be played each month, but 12 competitions should be played before the last day of February each year (from 1 March previous year).

The format is medal (stroke play) but the winner is determined by the lowest net score. The winner receives a Mug (with the month and year printed on) plus a prize.

Traditionally, if a player wins the mug for the first time, the captain would pour a drink (whether alcoholic or non) for the winner to down.

The Club Captain is responsible to arrange for a sponsor to provide prizes for each mug (1st to 3rd). The club will pay for the Points Stableford prizes (1st to 3rd, 2clubs and most golf – highest nett).

Scorecards must be completed in full before handed to the captain. Incomplete scorecards will be disqualified. Prize giving will be 15 mins after the last player finished his/her game, cut-off time for completing your round is 4.5 hours from start of play or 18h00 (whichever comes first).

11. CLUBHOUSE BELLS

The unnecessary ring of any of the Clubhouse bells will result in a R10 fine that will be loaded on the Captain's fund in the Pro Shop.

The "Klokkedil" may only be used by a committee member during unforeseen circumstances such as, lightning or play must be stopped for any other reason.

12. COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

12.1 Purpose

- 12.1.1 The Club seeks to enhance the golfing experience of members and guests through pro-active communication.
- 12.1.2 Communication focuses on pro-actively informing members and guests of rules of the game, upcoming competitions, upcoming meetings, local rulings and any other general matter.

12.2 Committee Communications

- 12.2.1 Committee members will make use of three primary means of communication: text messaging (either whatsapp or sms), email and telephonic for day to day decisions and communication.
- 12.2.2 The Pro-Shop Manager will on a monthly basis print text messaging and file as records of Committee communications.
- 12.2.3 Only tactical and operational decisions will take place via messaging, email or telephonic communications.
- 12.2.4 Strategic and major financial (>R5000) decisions will need to be made at a Committee Meeting.

12.2.5 Such decisions will be recorded and the minutes of a Committee Meeting distributed within one week of such meeting.

12.3 Communications with Members

12.3.1 Communication with members will be through four primary means: an email distribution list, a weekly newsletter, a facebook page and a website.

12.3.2 Members can also communicate with the Proshop or any committee member at any time concerning tactical and operational matters.

12.3.3 Strategic matters such as disciplinary actions and complaints need to be in formal writing addressed to the chairman.

12.3.4 The ProShop Manager will manage the facebook and websites and specifically update events, local rules and arrangements.

12.3.5 Facebook and website updates as well as the Newsletter distribution will take place each week on Thursday Morning.

12.4 Communications with other stakeholders

12.4.1 The Committee co-opts SANParks representatives and any other representatives when necessary to participate in committee meetings.

12.4.2 Communication with such co-opted members will be via email and telephonic outside formal set meetings.

12.4.3 Communication with guests and the general public will be via direct enquiries as well as the Club's facebook and website.

13. MEMBER NEWSLETTER

We will envisage to have a template for the newsletter than can be converted into PDF and sent via email, uploaded to facebook and uploaded on the website.

The main discussion categories will be set as follows:

1. Captains Chat – The Club Captain is responsible to ensure the Pro Shop has information for this part
2. Contact Details - Including links to email address, facebook page and website.
3. Highlight of the week
4. Birthday announcements
5. Wednesday/Saturday/Other results
6. Upcoming events

14. SATURDAY/PUBLIC HOLIDAY CLUB COMPETITIONS

The Club Captain shall have the decision of the format that is played on these days.

- 14.1 This competition is played over 18 holes
- 14.2 If there are more than 4 players (5 and more, but less than 10), then prize giving will only entail 1st, 2nd, 2-clubs and most golf.
- 14.3 If there are 10 to 20 players, then 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 2-clubs and most golf prizes will be awarded.
- 14.4 If there are 21 and more players, then 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 2-clubs and most golf prizes will be awarded.
- 14.5 If you enter the competition you MUST play the competition holes first.
- 14.6 If you haven't paid your competition fees and/or your name is not on the list, you will be automatically disqualified.
- 14.7 Prize giving will be 15 mins after the last player finished his/her game, cut-off time for completing your round is 4.5 hours from start of play or 18h00 (whichever comes first).
- 14.8 Visiting golfers without an official handicap will be capped at 18 for men, 28 for ladies/juniors.
- 14.9 Scorecards must be completed in full before handed to the captain. Incomplete scorecards will be disqualified.
- 14.10 A player must have at least one other golfer (with a SAGA Handicap) playing with him/her to validate and approve his/her scorecard. The SAGA marker may also just accompany the player for scoring purposes.
- 14.11 In order to improve our players the committee decided that the captain will draw the scorecards on a Saturday and the draw remains final.
 - 14.11.1 Each player may request the club captain to pair him/her with ONE person to allow for the game to remain social and allow for cart sharing. The captain may allow this but he should draw the remaining 2 or 1 ball with the pair.

15. WEDNESDAY COMPETITIONS

- 15.1 This competition is played over 9 holes with the front and back nine rotating weekly.
- 15.2 If there are more than 4 players (5 and more, but less than 10), then prize giving will only entail 1st, 2nd, 2-clubs and most golf.
- 15.3 If there are 10 to 20 players, then 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 2-clubs and most golf prizes will be awarded.
- 15.4 If there are 21 and more players, then 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 2-clubs and most golf prizes will be awarded.
- 15.5 If you enter the competition you MUST play the competition holes first.
- 15.6 Entry to the competition closes at 16h15 and prize giving will be at 18h15. If you are not done by 18h00 then you will be automatically disqualified. After 3 disqualifications, the player will be dealt with in accordance with the code of conduct.
- 15.7 If you haven't paid your competition fees and/or your name is not on the list, you will be automatically disqualified.

- 15.8 Visiting golfers without an official handicap will be capped at 18 for men, 28 for ladies/juniors.
- 15.9 During winter it might not be possible to play 9 holes before dark, so the club captain must decide which 6-holes are played. Normal Wednesday rules still apply.
- 15.10 Scorecards must be completed in full before handed to the captain. Incomplete scorecards will be disqualified.
- 15.11 A player must have at least one other golfer (with a SAGA Handicap) playing with him/her to validate and approve his/her scorecard. The SAGA marker may also just accompany the player for scoring purposes.
- 15.12 Handicaps will be cut if you are in the prizes as stipulated in clause 5.2, 5.3 and 5.4 (this excludes 2-club and most golf prizes).
- 15.12.1 A player will be cut 1 shot for each point scored over 18 points.
- 15.12.2 The player will be cut for the next 6 weeks
- 15.12.3 Should the player be in the prizes during his/her 6-week period, they will be cut again and the 6 weeks will restart.
- 15.12.4 Should a player's official handicap be less than that of the calculated handicap, the player must play from his/her official handicap.

16. DROL TRIANGULAR

This ~~completion~~-competition is played every quarter between Skukuza Golf Club, Sabie River Bungalows and Kruger Park Lodge. It is played on a Wednesday afternoon over 9 holes with an Individual Stableford format. The best 8 points count towards a total score and the winner will be determined by the highest total of the 8 scores.

The winning captain receives the Club Trophy and the losing captain receives the drol trophy.

A braai is arranged after each game and a committee member is assigned the duty to ensure a sociable event and to escort the KPL and Bungalows players to Kruger Gate.

Normal Wednesday competition rules apply (clause 15).

17. NON-GOLFER ACCESS TO COURSE

Skukuza Residents will be allowed free access and do not have to follow these said rules (this includes their visitors, provide the visitors are accompanied by the resident)

Only under exceptional circumstances will be allow non-golfing visitors onto the course and if this does happen:

1. they have reported at the Pro Shop,
2. the Pro Shop gave the go ahead (based on the number of players on the field),
3. the non-golfer signed the indemnity form

Should the Pro Shop be closed, report at the bar and the above rules will still apply.

18. LADIES BAR ACCESS

All Full and Social Members have right of access to the ladies' bar during any club operating hours. Should an event take place that requires the main bar to be closed for public access, then the ladies bar should be opened for members to access. It is requested by the committee that members behave and respect the event taking place, ultimately the event has right of way but cannot stop members from accessing the ladies bar.

19. EXTERNAL FUNDRAISING GOLF DAYS

The Club will allow a maximum of 5 fund raising golf days for any fundraising event that directly benefits people in Kruger National Park. So far we have Skukuza Primary (2 x events), Skukuza ECD (1 event), NG Skukuza Church (1 x event) and Honorary Rangers (1 x event).

The club will assist with any basic catering equipment needs and will act as the liaison between SANParks and the Fundraising Committee. The Club will also ensure that the course quality is of standard.

Any such event must allow a minimum of 8 members on the day at a rate of no less than R200 per player (excluding Dinner costs).

Normal rules and regulations stipulated in this document applies to all players at such an event.

20. CODE OF CONDUCT

20.1 Dress Code on the Golf Course:

20.1.1 The following are the dress regulations for all Mpumalanga Tournaments:

ON THE COURSE:

- All shirts must have a collar – No T shirts or vest like tops will be allowed. Shirts must be tucked in. Branded polo collar shirts are permissible.
- Golf long trousers with socks.
- Jeans or the like are not permitted.
- Golf shorts with long hose or white short socks ankle high are permitted. No Bermuda/multi coloured shorts allowed.
- Golf shoes only
- Any jersey, windbreaker, golf cap/hat worn must be neat, tidy and clean.
- Golf bags/ carts must be in a presentable condition/state.

PRIZE GIVING FUNCTION:

1. Players should attend all competition prize giving functions. Requests to be excused must be submitted directly to the Club Captain on the day. For formal sponsor/club days, the dress is smart casual – shoes and socks must be worn.

20.2 PUNISHABLE OFFENCES

20.2.1 Verbal Warning (Valid for 6 months):

- 20.2.1.1 Throwing clubs/badly behaved
- 20.2.1.2 Using foul, abusive language
- 20.2.1.3 Walking off the course without a valid reason

- 20.2.1.4 Consuming liquor or taking drugs on the course. Here officials must be alert and strict. Controlled consumption will be tolerated, provided that individuals are well behaved.
- 20.2.1.5 Purposely damaging the course or greens.
- 20.2.2 First Written Warning (Valid for 12 months):
 - 20.2.2.1 Failure to arrive at a tournament (including league)
 - 20.2.2.2 Second offence - Throwing clubs/badly behaved
 - 20.2.2.3 Second offence - Using foul, abusive language
 - 20.2.2.4 Second offence - Walking off the course without a valid reason
 - 20.2.2.5 Second offence - Consuming liquor or taking drugs on the course. Here officials must be alert and strict. Controlled consumption will be tolerated, provided that individuals are well behaved.
 - 20.2.2.6 Second offence - Purposely damaging the course or greens.
 - 20.2.2.7 Blatant cheating (in any form)
- 20.2.3 Immediate 3-month suspension – pending the outcome of a disciplinary hearing which is held no later than 6 weeks of the suspension date:
 - 20.2.3.1 A second/third offence of clause 20.2.2
 - 20.2.3.2 Racist remarks
 - 20.2.3.3 Threatening violence, fighting or brawling
 - 20.2.3.4 Conduct unbecoming of a player
 - 20.2.3.5 Bringing the game into disrepute.
- 20.2.4 One-year immediate suspension – pending the outcome of a disciplinary hearing which is held no later than 12 weeks of the suspension date:
 - 20.2.4.1 A third offence of clause 20.2.1
 - 20.2.4.2 A serious breach of the Rules of Golf and/or unbecoming conduct.
 - 20.2.4.3 Player manipulating his handicap.
- 20.3 Disciplinary Procedure
 - 20.3.1 A player summoned to appear at a Disciplinary Hearing must receive details of what he is charged with in writing – the charge must be in detail and must be delivered by hand or e-mail at least 72 hours before the hearing and no later than 7 days after the outcome of clause 20.6.6 and 20.6.7.
 - 20.3.2 The player has the right to appeal against the outcome and must do so within 7 days of the hearing to a quorum of members as stipulated in clause 35 of the Constitution (2016). Any player whose appeal fails then has the right to appeal to the President of the Lowveld Golf Association whose decision shall be final.

- 20.3.3 The player may opt to appeal directly to the President of the Lowveld Golf Association and the decision made by the President shall be deemed as final.
- 20.3.3 The player has the right to be represented by a competent person and may produce witnesses on his behalf at the hearing.
- 20.4 General
 - 20.4.1 Any offence or breach of the Rules not covered by the above shall be dealt with by the Committee.
 - 20.4.2 If a player violates the condition of his suspension he will then serve out the original sentence and an additional ONE YEAR – subject to a disciplinary hearing.
 - 20.4.3 All the above suspensions are a guideline for MGU clubs – the Executive Committee shall be empowered to decide on the final period of suspension.
 - 20.4.4 Any club official breaching any of the above will be charged under 20.2.2
 - 20.4.5 Clubs must adopt the MGU Code and outcome of guilty players/officials must be consistent.
 - 20.4.6 During the timeframe of an appeal and the final outcome of the case the accused may not play any golf at all.
- 20.5 A person can only be summoned for breach of the code of conduct if the following procedures are followed:
 - 20.5.1 A formal letter of complaint is submitted to the Chairman and/or Vice Chairman of the club, by no later than 7 days of the initial breach of the code of conduct.
 - 20.5.2 Such a letter must include the particulars of the complainant.
 - 20.5.3 The Chairman and/or Vice-Chairman will investigate the matter inform the accused of the breach within 48 hours of receiving the complaint.
 - 20.5.4 The Accused will have a chance to formally submit his/her statement with regards to the incident.
 - 20.5.5 Both the letter of complaint and the accused statement will be submitted to the Committee during a Special Committee Meeting.
 - 20.5.6 At the meeting, a decision will be made based on the facts and should a breach of clause 20.2 have been made, the necessary steps will be taken by the Chairman.
 - 20.5.7 Parties to the complaint will be procedurally informed of the outcome of the Special Committee Meeting. Should a disciplinary hearing be sanctioned, then clause 20.4 must be followed.
- 20.6 The Golf Course is SANParks property and carries a Right of Admission. The Club Constitution and Protocols include responding to guests that place the Club's responsibilities at risk based on SANPark's General Code of Conduct. It is the responsibility of the committee to uphold the golfing experience for members and guests and as such the committee will not hesitate to implement disciplinary SANParks procedures to guests and members alike if and when needed.

21. LOCAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

This section applies to all and any competition unless it is otherwise stipulated in this protocol.

21.1 SPONSORS

21.1.1 Each competition has its own sponsor that is responsible for a sponsor fee and prizes for 1st to 5th place, longest drive and 2 x nearest to pins. More prizes and Most Golf prize is optional.

21.1.2 Sponsors will be given the following privileges and such is included in the sponsor fee (per field sponsored and the fee will be revised annually):

21.1.2.1 Full marketing anywhere on the course (including the clubhouse) from the tee-off time until finish of the sponsored field. (e.g. 06h30 to 12h00 and 12h00 to 17h30, plus marketing at prize giving of the particular sponsored day)

21.1.2.2 Optional use of No 5. Halfway house

21.1.2.3 One complimentary 4-ball entry with 2 golf carts

21.1.2.4 NO alcohol may be sold on the course or in the clubhouse

21.2 HANDICAPS

21.2.1 The Club's norm is to use a players' official SAGA or any other Golf Association approved handicapping system result as the handicap you compete from.

21.2.2 Should you not have an official handicap, the following will be applicable:

21.2.2.1 Men/Senior/Veterans maximum 18

21.2.2.2 Ladies maximum 28

21.2.2.3 Junior (younger than 16 years) maximum 28

21.3 SCORECARDS

21.3.1 Scorecards must be completed in full before handed to the captain. Incomplete scorecards will be disqualified.

21.3.2 A player must have at least one other golfer (with a SAGA Handicap) playing with him/her to validate and approve his/her scorecard.

21.3.3 If a player opts to play socially on his/her own, then the score must be entered into the SAGA handicap system provided that the committee approves the scorecard.

21.3.4 Player will from now on be required to enter their names on an entry list each day to confirm their payment as well as "open" a round for a score to be entered.

21.4 JUNIORS – Competition rules may override this rule if it is clearly stipulated.

21.4.1 Male/Female juniors must use the Lady tee-box until (but excluding) the age of 16 years, thereafter male juniors must play from the senior tee-boxes.

- 21.4.2 A male junior may opt to play from the senior tee-boxes but he can still only compete in the junior competition.
- 21.5 VETERANS – Competition rules may override this rule if it is clearly stipulated.
- 21.5.1 Skukuza Golf Club does not have any Veteran tee-boxes and therefor all men must play from the Senior tee-boxes.
- 21.6 LOCAL RULES
- 21.6.1 Due to the quality of our drop zones, we allow for a drop and place local rule; note that you may NOT put the ball on a tee
- 21.6.2 Any local rules displayed on the notice is in full force and deemed as accepted
- 21.7 USE OF PRIVATE GOLF CARTS
- 21.7.1 Members – Are not required to pay a Private Golf Cart fee
- 21.7.2 Visiting players – Are required to pay a Private Golf Cart fee, such fee can be confirmed by the Pro Shop.
- 21.7.3 SANParks’s Golf Cart Regulations apply to all Private owned golf carts.

The regulations were accepted in principle and those people who wish to use golf carts should make a formal application in writing to the Managing Executive and permission will be granted subject to the conditions below:

According to a decision take by the Kruger National Park Executive Committee on the 27th July 2007, approval has been given in principle for the use of a Golf cart within the Skukuza staff village in accordance with your submission to the KNP EXCO dated 16th July 2007.

This approval is hereby granted under the following conditions:

1. The golf cart is used entirely at own risk.
2. SANParks management reserves the right to withdraw this approval at any time and at their discretion.
3. The driver has to comply with standard traffic rules of the road.
4. That the golf cart in question has the following safety accessories in good working order:
 - a. Breaking system
 - b. Hooter
 - c. Review mirror
 - d. Indicators
 - e. Lights
5. Passengers must remain seated while the cart is in motion.
6. That the driver of the cart is licensed according to SA Traffic Legislation (Code B).
7. That the cart is loaded according to the loading capacity limitations of the particular cart.
8. That the cart is used during daylight hours within the Skukuza staff village and Golf Course areas only.
9. That the cart is marked clearly and visibly with your Skukuza house number.

10. That the cart is used on a trial basis for a period of 12 months, as of this date, 21st August 2007, whereupon the use of such cart will be reviewed.
11. This approval is restricted to this particular application and is not transferable. Any further applications by KNP based personnel, for the use of golf carts with the KNP, are required to be submitted to the Managing Executive, KNP for approval prior to any implementation thereof.

21.8 Local Course Rules additional

21.8.1 Placing – One Club length on all fairways, not nearer the hole.

21.8.2 Out of bounds:

21.8.2.1 The road surface and over the road to the right of no 7,16,8 and 17;

21.8.2.2 Right of number 1, 10, 2, 11, 3, 12, 4 and 13; and

21.8.2.3 Crèche and flowerbeds next to fence around the crèche.

21.8.3 Water Hazard (Yellow stakes): 1, 10, 2, 11, 5, 14, 9 and 18

21.8.4 Lateral Water Hazard (Red stakes): 1, 10, 3, 12, 4, 13, 8 and 17

21.8.5 GUR – All bare ground on fairways. Relief without penalty, nearest point, not nearer the hole and straight backwards.

21.8.6 Roads – Drop without penalty not nearer the hole

21.8.7 Burrowing animals – Rough/Fairway drop without penalty from holes made by burrowing animals and termites, NOT HOOF MARKS. Burrowing animals include warthogs, moles and termites.

21.8.8 Hoof marks on the green – Hoof marks and/or other damage caused by wild animals on the greens may be repaired, or the ball may be moved with the approval of the marker.

21.8.9 Immovable obstructions – Braai area, clubhouse and paved area around the old and new club house, wooden pole fence around the golf clubhouse area, tee markers, benches, sprinkler heads, manholes, the paved ditch across no 3&12 fairway and the wire around Piet's puddle (no 5) are considered immovable obstructions. Relief according to Rule 24-2, without penalty, of 1 club length not nearer the hole.

22. "JAKKALS" TROPHY

This competition was instated in memory of Jacques van der Sandt.

The competition is played on the first Wednesday of December over 9 holes. The normal Wednesday rules apply and the winner of the day is awarded the "Jakkals" trophy.

Any and all players playing on this day is eligible to win this trophy.

23. PRACTISING ON THE COURSE

Any member may practice on the course by following these simple rules:

- 23.1 Only full members may practice in the course; visitors or social members must be accompanied by a full member.
- 23.2 Chipping (maximum 30 meter from the green) may only be done on hole number 4 and 7.
- 23.3 Driving and iron shots may be practiced on no 14, next to the lady's tee box.
- 23.4 Repair all divots and pitch marks
- 23.5 Golfers have right of way
- 23.6 Persons who practice must use their own golf balls.
- 23.7 Under no circumstances will any person be allowed to play holes without paying for at least 9 holes and no person may play to a green from more than 30 meters of the hole.
- 23.8 Golf attire must be worn at all times.
- 23.9 Member intending to practice should notify the Pro Shop, and if they are not available, notify any of the committee members.

24. LEAGUE PROTOCOL

24.1 Purpose and scope

The purpose of this document is to provide a framework for the management of the League Team.

24.2 Rules & Regulations as per Lowveld Golf Association.

Skukuza Golf Club is bound by the Constitution of the Lowveld Golf Association and therefore all acts must be followed in accordance to this Constitution. The rules apply specifically for the 2016/2017 League season as set out by the Lowveld League Convener and such rules change on a yearly basis. Consult the LGA for the latest version of the League Rules.

24.3 Minimum Selection Criteria for Skukuza

The mission of the league captain is to choose the best possible team available at the time. Therefore, the following are mere guidelines to how he should select his team:

- 1) The league captain was nominated and selected based on his abilities to lead the team, the final decision remains with him.
- 2) Men registered with SAGA as a member of Skukuza Golf Club.
- 3) Must be available on the drawn fixtures list.
- 4) Must play at least one round of 18 holes per month.
- 5) A member whose handicap is 18 and below would get preference, we do not want to penalize the team and the individual on game day with the maximum handicap at 18.
- 6) One wild card player will be chosen to provide opportunity for other players to gain experience.

6.1) Only players who competed in the last MUG (Monthly Medal) will be eligible for selection as a wild card player.

7) Performance will be monitored based on games won/lost, individual performance and current individual trend.

8) Credit will be given to members with experience and aptitude of the game. Match play is a team sport and competitors tend to verbally affect a player. Players must be able to handle the pressure loaded on to them.

9) A member who made himself available and then selected on to the team, but for no good reason miss the game, will be penalized by not being eligible to play for a minimum of 6 fixture games.

10) Misconduct will be dealt with according to Skukuza Golf Club disciplinary code.

11) Partnerships are formed during the season and that is a key element to good performance in a Match play environment.

24.4 The club commits to the following financial aspects of the league season:

24.4.1 All **away** green fees – excluding competition fees payable to the hosting club

24.4.2 All **away** golf cart/caddy fees – excluding tips/food/beverages for caddies

24.5 It remains the league captain's responsibility to arrange for any other sponsorships