

# House Rules - 2025

## 1. Initials or Name on Golf Ball

Each golfer must mark his or her golf balls with their initials or name. Each time anyone is found playing without an initialed or named ball, the golfer will be penalized TWO STROKES per occurrence, during 18 holes.

## 2. Capping of Handicap

In accordance with the new rules of Golf Canada, there will be no capping of Handicap. Rules for maximum handicap a player can have has changed with the new rules the maximum handicap is now set at 54.

## 3. Handicap

A motion was passed at the 2024 Annual General Meeting that moving forward from the 2025 golf season only Fiji Golf tournament scores will be used towards establishing each member's handicap. Any new member joining the club in 2025 onwards will be playing at zero handicap for a minimum of three tournaments till the new member's handicap is established, however they will be able to compete for all prizes – Low Net, KPs, LD and Leaderboard points from day one.

The handicap committee will enter, maintain and administer all tournament handicaps, every member will have access to view their and other member's scores and handicaps on our club's website but will not have access to make changes to any data or enter any scores.

## 4. Score Cards

There will be two official score cards per foursome. The Captain and Vice-Captain of each group are responsible for keeping scores for the foursome. The Captain and Vice-Captain should verify the hole-by-hole scores after nine holes and then after the end of the round, scores do not need to be totalled. Please sign and date the score cards and submit to the scoring committee. Please ensure that the score cards are legible and accurate. Submitting an illegible or incorrect score cards could be grounds for disqualification. Once the score cards are handed in to the scoring committee no changes will be accepted.

It is recommended that the Captain or Vice-Captain announce the scores for each player before teeing off at the next hole so everyone in the foursome is aware of other

players scores.

## **5. Tournament of Champions**

Members who have won low net prizes in each flight during the season qualify for this tournament. Members who do not qualify can play as guest players however, they will not be eligible for any prizes, and this includes the LD and KPs prizes.

## **6. Long Drive for Men's and Women**

Everyone will contest for this category on a specific hole and there will be only one long drive winner declared regardless of their gender.

## **7. President's Cup**

There will be two trophies, golfers will be competing for:

1. Low Gross
2. Low Net, based on 75% handicap.

Any golfer is eligible to win BOTH trophies.

## **8. Pace of Play**

This has been a chronic problem with a handful of our members. The Captain and Vice-Captain of the foursome are responsible for the pace of play. At the first tee box, the Captain should inform the foursome group about "ready golf" from tee to the green emphasizing to those that are riding a power cart that once they drive to where their ball is lying and if the fairway in front of them is clear to take a shot instead of waiting for others who are walking to catch up.

The captains must encourage their playing partners to play 'ready golf' to speed up the pace of play and to be within a shot or two of the foursome in front of them in order not to fall too far behind them.

Once everyone is on the green only then, the "furthest away putts first unless someone requests to finish their putt"

It is imperative we enforce these rules and the Captain and Vice-Captain can warn a playing partner two times before imposing a 1 stroke penalty on a third infraction.

## 9. Jiffy Lube Leaderboard Prize Breakout

Prize breakout for Flights 1, 2 and 3 will be as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	\$150
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	\$100
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	\$80

Points are given to the top 10 low net scores in each flight starting at 100 points for first place, in 10-point decrements down to 10 points for the tenth place. In case of ties points are shared.

Best 9 out of 11 tournament scores count towards the overall leaderboard standings.

Any member joining the club after Jun 30<sup>th</sup> in any year, will not be eligible for the Leaderboard.

## 10. Tournament Prize Breakout

<b>Stableford Tournament</b>	Based on 50% of Index. Points Structure: 5 points for an Eagle, 3 points for a Birdie, 2 points for a Par, 1 point for a Bogie.
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	\$40 + Tournament Trophy
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	\$35
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	\$25
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$20
4 x KP's	\$15 per KP
LD	\$15
<b>President's Cup</b>	
Low Gross	Tournament Low Gross Trophy + \$30
Overall Low Net (based on 75% handicap)	Tournament Low Net Trophy
Low Net Winners (based on 100% handicap) for Flights 1, 2 & 3.	
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	\$30
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	\$20
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	\$15
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$10
4 x KP's	\$15 per KP
LD	\$15

<b>2 Person Team Event</b>	Based on 75 % handicap
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	\$30 each + Tournament Trophy
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	\$20 each
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	\$15 each
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$10 each
4 x KP's	\$15 per KP
LD	\$15

<b>Tournament of Champions</b>	Players who have won during the season qualify for this tournament. All others play as guests and are not eligible for any prizes.
Overall Low Net (based on 75% handicap)	First Prize \$50 + Tournament Trophy
	Second Prize \$30
	Third Prize \$20
	Fourth Prize \$10
4 x KP's	\$15 per KP
LD	\$15
<b>All other Tournaments</b>	
Overall Low Net (based on 75% handicap)	Tournament Trophy
Low Net Winners (based on 100% handicap) for Flights 1, 2 & 3.	
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	\$30
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	\$20
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	\$15
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$10
4 x KP's	\$15 per KP
LD	\$15

**Matching Score Cards Tie Breaking Method (Countback Rules):**

In case of ties for low net and gross scores, the following are the countback rules to break ties:

- 1 - Gross score for last 9 holes minus one-half of the handicap: if still tied continue:
- 2 - Gross score for last 6 holes minus one-third of the handicap if still tied continue:
- 3 - Gross score for last 3 holes minus one-sixth of the handicap if still tied continue:
- 4 - Gross score for 18th hole minus one-eighteenth of the handicap if still tied continue to 9th,  
8<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 1<sup>st</sup> holes deducting appropriate handicaps.

## **11. Code of Conduct**

All Members are expected to show respect to Club officials, group captains and course marshals, as well act and play in keeping of the spirit of the game by:

- Acting with integrity by following Rules of the game and applying all penalties and being honest in all aspects of play;
- Showing consideration to others by playing at a prompt pace, looking out for the safety of others, and not distracting play of another player; and
- Take good care of the course by replacing divots, raking bunkers, repairing ball marks, and not causing unnecessary damage to the course.

#### Violations of Code of Conduct:

- Unsportsmanlike conduct including harassment, discrimination, intimidation, abusive and/or offensive language, club throwing, disrespecting playing partners, group captains, course marshals or Club officials;
- Consumption of alcoholic beverages, cannabis or any illegal substance on the competition course or any designated practice area during the entire competition including smoking and vaping where prohibited;
- Failure to adhere to the dress code policy of the facility;
- Vandalism or abusive behavior at the host, or other hotel/motel or to a host family or their property; and
- Any other conduct unbecoming of a member of Fiji Golf Association during a competition and or club sanctioned events.

#### Penalties

The Club's Rules and Discipline Committee may assess any or all of the following penalties outlined below which are based on the Rules of Golf by Golf Canada (the "Rules of Golf") if the Rules of golf and/or Tournament Rules are compromised:

- Warning
- One Penalty Stroke
- General Penalty (Two Stroke Penalty)
- Disqualification

If more serious violation(s) is/are committed, based on the severity and/or frequency of the violation, the penalty could include disqualification and suspension from the Club.

The violation are outlined below and include but not limited to:

- Character Assassination



- Unacceptable Language;
- Abuse of clubs or course;
- Being Disrespectful to Club officials, group captain(s) and/or marshal(s) and/or playing partners.

## **12. Corporate Tournaments & President's Cup**

Our Corporate sponsors Jiffy Lube/Canada Washworld and Omnus Prestige Accounting donate \$1000 to our club annually and on their tournament, dates donate additional prizes, goodie bags and appetizers after the tournament. On special occasions FGA introduces novelty items in the form of golf shirts, hats, jackets to commemorate our achievements which are also subsidized by our sponsors so our members can purchase them at a reduced prize.

This is the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our club and to celebrate the occasion, the corporate sponsors in partnership with FGA have subsidized the purchase of golf shirts and matching hats. The Board has decided it is mandatory for every member to purchase the novelty items since it is our 30th anniversary.

In appreciation of our sponsors, every member participating in the Jiffy Lube Corporate, Omnus Prestige Cup and The President's Cup must wear the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary golf shirt; hats are optional. Any member not abiding by this condition can participate in these tournaments but will not be eligible for any prizes. In future years, the same condition will apply but members will have a choice to wear club items bought in previous years.