



## 19<sup>th</sup> Hole.....Breaking News!!!

### 1. DIVISIONAL ALIGNMENT

With our membership up to 51 for 2025, our 3 Flights; Flight – 1, Flight – 2, and Flight – 3. will be as follows:

**Flight – 1 – 0 to 18.0 - 18 members**

**Flight – 2 – 18.1 to 25.0 - 17 members**

**Flight – 3 – 25.1 plus - 16 members**

### 2. INITIAL YOUR GOLF BALLS

IMPORTANT & A REMINDER!!

Again, just as a reminder to **mark your golf balls with your initials** before you start any tournaments organized by Fiji Golf Association.

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

Any time playing a provisional ball a player must declare to the captain regarding the provisional ball the player is about to play, clearly identify to the satisfaction of the captain what was the first ball he had played and what is the second ball the player is about to play.

3. Each golfer must identify which golf ball they are playing with on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tee Box. It will be the captain's responsibility to ensure this procedure is taken before anyone tees off from the 1<sup>st</sup> Tee Box.

Again, if during the game should you change golf ball the individual must inform the captain or any one of the playing colleagues of the same.

### 4. POINTS INCENTIVE BY DIVISION

This year again, Jiffy Lube and Canada Washworld has been kind enough to donate cash incentive for individuals who finish the season with the most points in their respective Flights. Each Flight will have 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners and the cash prize will be allocated accordingly based on the previous year's allocations.

Get your "A" game into gear – it's not how you start but how you finish each hole that will get your Points. GOOD LUCK TO ALL!!

### 5. PRESIDENT'S CUP

There will be two trophies' golfers will be competing for [1] **LOW GROSS** and [2] **LOW NET**. Any golfer can win BOTH trophies.

## 6. LIFT, CLEAN AND PLACE

Preferred Lies (Lift Clean and Place)

- A. Members do not have to enter any outside scores. The handicap committee will enter all club's tournament scores for handicap purposes in accordance with the Rules of the Day which may or may not contain Preferred Lies.
- B. Most of the Golf Courses have their Local Rules posted during such conditions.

Every member can visit our e-handicap network to view and review every member's scores and handicaps.

## 7. LONG DRIVE FOR MEN'S AND WOMEN

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

## 8. TEE TIME SCHEDULING

Once the golfer's list is finalized, by the Wednesday night cut-off, FGA will post the foursomes list with tee times for the upcoming tournament by Friday noon on the FGA website. Once the list is released there will be **ABSOLUTELY NO FURTHER CHANGES ALLOWED** to be made to the grouping and/or tee times and secondly, if a member shows up late then he/she will be disqualified from any wins for that tournament.

## 9. SPONSORSHIP

FGA has been successful over last several years to provide each member subsidy over the duration of golf season largely due to the sponsorship revenue generated and this year again we are looking at members to seek sponsors for "hole sponsor" at \$150.00 per hole and if you generate an aggregate of \$500.00 in sponsorship than your 2025 Membership portion of the dues will be exempted. [\$150.00]

For their sponsorship:

- a] we will display their corporate logo on our webpage and have a hyperlink from our site to their homepage.
- b] we will allow them to distribute coupons/flyers at game day

## 10. SURCHARGE - \$5.00

There will be \$5.00 added to all the green fees in order that FGA can generate some revenue by doing raffle draws at the end of each gameday. A cash prize of \$50.00 will be awarded to the winner each gameday.

## 11. RULES OF THE GAME

### **Wrong Balls PLAYED in Match and Stroke Play**

In **match play**, a player loses the hole if he makes a stroke at the wrong ball, and if the wrong ball belongs to another player, its owner must place a ball on the spot from which the wrong ball was first played.

Rule 15-3 states that in match play, "If the player and opponent exchange balls during the play of a hole, the first to make a stroke at a wrong ball *lose the hole*; when this cannot be determined, the hole must be played out with the balls exchanged."

During **stroke play**, though, a competitor incurs a two-stroke penalty if he makes a stroke at a

wrong ball and must correct his mistake by playing the correct ball, and if he fails to correct this mistake before the next hole or in the case of the last hole of the round, fails to declare his intention to correct his mistake before leaving the putting green, he is disqualified from the competition.

Rule 15-3. b states that "Strokes made by a competitor with a wrong ball do not count in his score" and "If the wrong ball belongs to another competitor, its owner must place a ball on the spot from which the wrong ball was first played."

## **12. GOLF ETIQUETTE**

Most if not all etiquette in the game of golf relates to [a] safety, [b] pace of play and [c] maintaining the quality of the golf course. Golf etiquette is an essential part of the game and should be adhered to by both the newcomers and as well the veterans.

### KEEP IT SAFE:

- do not swing your club until you know that others in your group are at a safe distance
- when practicing your swing, never swing in the direction of another player
- do not hit the ball until you are certain that the group ahead of you is out of range
- if your golf ball appears headed toward another player or another group, give them a warning by yelling out "FORE"
- never throw clubs in anger

### PACE OF PLAY:

- keep the round moving by being prepared to hit your shot when it is your turn
- READY GOLF – all players should agree to "READY GOLF" before it is put into effect.
- do not spend more than 3 MINUTES looking for the lost ball
- always try and keep pace with the group ahead of you
- if two players are riding power cart drive to the first ball, DO NOT WAIT for the walkers to catch up, take the shot and then drive to the other player's ball and do the same
- when walking from the cart to your ball, take COUPLE OF CLUBS with you instead of going back and forth – it will save time!
- always leave the green as soon as your group has finished
- players riding the cart should drive up to the next tee box and immediately take their shots providing the group in front is out of your range

### MAINTAINING THE QUALITY OF THE GOLF COURSE:

- always observe "CART PATH ONLY" signs wherever the signs are posted
- keep carts away from green and hazards
- always carry on you a DIVOT REPAIR KIT and always ensure you repair your divots be it on the fairways or on the green – even if it is not your ball mark
- always rake sand bunkers after hitting.

## **13. HOLE-IN-ONE EXTRAVAGANZA**

Our newest corporate sponsor – **Mobile Coupon** will sponsor a hole-in-one contest during our 2025 Golf Season. They are contributing a \$1,000.00 jackpot to be contested amongst the FGA members. \$1,000.00 will be evenly allocated to all those that successfully achieve hole-in-one at the end of the golfing season.

If only one person gets the hole-in-one during our golf season, guess what - that individual will take home \$1,000.00 and if more than one gets the hole-in-one then the jackpot will be divided by that number of winners.

The following golf tournaments will be included in this Hole-In-One contest:

- a. **Jiffy Lube Corporate – July 5<sup>th</sup>**
- b. **Robert Prasad Memorial – August 2<sup>nd</sup>**
- c. **Omnus Prestige Cup - August 16<sup>th</sup>**
- d. **Maharaja Memorial – August 30<sup>th</sup>**
- e. **President’s Cup – Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>**
- f. **Tournament of Champions – Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>**

Also, we will pick 4 other tournaments at random to be part of the contest. Stay tuned and look out for the signs to be erected at the 1<sup>st</sup> tee box as well as on par 3 tee boxes at the start of the respective 4 randomly picked golf tournaments.

All cash payouts will be done at the end of the golf season.

Should there be no winners during the current golf season, the \$1,000.00 will be used by our corporate sponsor next year at their corporate function after their 2026 corporate tournament.

This is a win-win for all our members and wishing all the very best in achieving a hole-in-one for 2025.

Any discrepancies, the Board of Directors of FGA will make the final decision on the allocation of funds.

Our corporate sponsor, at their discretion, may withdraw from the contest program at the end of the golf season.

#### **14. JIFFY LUBE CORPORATE TOURNAMENT AFTER GAME GET TOGETHER – JULY 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2025**

Another exciting news from our corporate sponsors - **Jiffy Lube** and **Mobile Coupon**, at the end of our Jiffy Lube Corporate tournament on July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025, they are extending an invitation to all to join them right after the game at the **Fiji Canada Association Hall at 13629 – 108<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Surrey** for snacks and dinner. There will be a convenience cash bar on location. This is in lieu of staying at the clubhouse or going to a pub.

Fiji Golf Association is very grateful to both Jiffy Lube and our newest corporate sponsor, Mobile Coupon for their financial support and kind generosity.