

Kijat Social Sosial Golf & Bowls Club

Ground rules

New Members & Membership Fees:

- Kijat club requires no annual membership fees.
- Visitors are welcome but must be invited by an existing member.
- After attending 3 games, a voting poll will be conducted among current members to address any possible concerns before approval.

Kijat Golf Shirt & Dress Code Requirements:

- The Kijat Golf Shirt is encouraged attire for all golfers and requires a one-time payment, lasting for multiple years. Shirts will be ordered twice a year.
- Khaki golf pants are encouraged for the men but not mandatory.
- For bowls players, the shirt is encouraged but not mandatory.
- The dress code for all players is smart casual attire, appropriate for golfing.
- Denim jeans, tracksuits, and beachwear are not permitted on the course.
- Golf players are required to wear appropriate golf shoes or at least some sort of sporty footwear.
- All players are encouraged to adhere to golf etiquette and present themselves in a neat and respectful manner while on the course.
- Bowls players are required to wear appropriate flat sole shoes.

Competition Fees:

Golf day Fees

- Regular competition fees are R100, with R50 allocated towards the yearend function.
- Couples' competition fees are R150, with R75 allocated towards the yearend function.
- Green fees and carts are not included with the competition fees. These fees will be at every player's own expense, even though we negotiate a better group rate. Rates may vary depending on the course we are playing.

Bowls Night Fees

- Regular competition fees are R150, inclusive of your game, competition fees, and a meal afterward.
- An additional plate costs R60, applicable for either a child or a companion.

Prize Distribution:

- 1st place: 60% of the total purse
- 2nd place: 30% of the total purse
- Individual 1st place: Monthly Cup!
- Longest-drive will only be applicable if enough members are playing that day.
- Best individual monthly cup & Nearest to the pin will be sponsored by Lowveld IT.

Organizers Team:

- Club Captain: Werner Myburgh Vise-captain: Dries Botha
- Club Committee: Japie Myburgh, Fransie Myburgh, Candice Phelan, and Mandy Botha.

Duties of the Organizers:

- Arranging communal social get-together braais for members staying over at away games.
- Distributing prizes.
- Negotiating fees for courses to be played.

- Securing a venue and arranging the year-end function.
- Managing the Kitty with a monthly breakdown for distribution.

Golf Pivot Players:

Three balls will pivot, labelled A, B, and C, on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd 6 holes respectively.

Golf Membership Requirements:

- All players must be 16 years and older.
- Membership of a club with an official handicap is compulsory.
- New members/visitors can play the probation period golf games before obtaining official handicap.
- Non-Handicap requirements for visitors & new members waiting to obtain an official handicap: Men - 20, Ladies - 27.
- Beginners will follow the field for all games to gain exposure until they become members of a club.
- Although it's not compulsory, we recommend booking with a partner, as it makes organising the draw easier. If you book as a single player, you'll be paired with the next available single-player booking.
- **Golf Carts:** Several of our members possess their own golf carts, typically used for personal and partner use. However, during our games, when a draw is conducted, it is expected that the drawn player shares the cart fee equally with the partner of the cart owner. This arrangement ensures fairness for all participants. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding in maintaining equitable practices during our events.
- At every Kijat event, we uphold a standard of respect and consideration towards all attendees. We kindly request that everyone refrains from using offensive language, including avoiding blasphemy. Your cooperation in maintaining a respectful atmosphere contributes to a positive and inclusive experience for all participants.
- If there are any issues between members, please resolve them among yourselves. As a social club, there will be people whose personalities clash, but we are all adults. If everyone follows the rules, there should be no problems.

Slow Play:

- It is expected that every golfer maintains a consistent pace and rhythm while playing. While there is no need to feel rushed, we kindly request that you make your best effort to keep up with the 4-ball playing ahead of you.
- Play ready golf, meaning don't wait for other players when you get to your ball, and it is safe to do so play it. Also, on your way to your ball, think about your club selection, then hit your ball as soon as you are ready.
- If you cannot score any more points, please pick up your ball and carry on playing on the next hole. Please also enforce this rule onto your teammates.
- To expedite the pace of play, we recommend appointing a ball spotter, as this often results in significant time savings during the game.
- Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring an enjoyable and efficient golfing experience for all players.

Golf Competition Formats:

- Only the organizers determine what format will be played. However, we retain the right to change the format for whatever reason without prior notice. New format suggestions are welcome as we are open to new exciting games for the future.
- As a social club, our main rule is that we don't play individual formats at all; all games will be team-based for the social aspect of it. However, the best individual will always be rewarded with the monthly cup and cash prize.
- Our last game will always be played in Nelspruit with a scramble drive. This will also be the only game throughout the year where we will play scramble and will not contribute to the best player of the year points.

Golf & Bowls Final Entries:

- Final entries must be submitted by the Wednesday before the Saturday game.
- **Cancelling a Booked Event:** We recognize that unforeseen circumstances may arise, necessitating the cancellation of a booked event. However, we kindly request that if cancellation is necessary, it is done so in a timely manner. Cancelling on the day just before the event should be avoided unless it is truly an emergency situation. Planning and organizing these events involve considerable effort, and often incur costs. Late cancellations not only disrupt the arrangements but also inconvenience everyone involved. Your cooperation in providing advance notice of any cancellations is greatly appreciated, ensuring a smoother and more enjoyable experience for all participants.

Golf & Bowls Draw Guidelines:

- **Member-Visitor Pairing:** If a member has invited a visitor to an event, they will automatically play together, irrespective of the draw for that particular event. This rule applies to both Golf and Bowls events organized by the club.
- **Open Draw for Bowls Events:** Bowls events will always follow an open draw format, allowing for maximum participation and fairness.
- **Local Golf Games:** For local golf games, there is a semi-open draw system in place. Participants have the option to choose a partner, and then they will be drawn into a 4-ball. If an individual does not have a partner, they are encouraged to book as an individual, and efforts will be made to pair them up with a suitable partner.
- **Away Golf Games:** Away golf games will follow an open draw format. Each player will book as an individual and then be drawn into a 4-ball, ensuring equal opportunities for all participants.
- **Accommodation and Transport:** All players are responsible for arranging their own accommodation bookings and transport.
- **Unanimous Draws:** All draws are conducted entirely through a computer system to ensure impartiality. While occasional adjustments may be made to consider gameplay and speed, the draw process remains transparent and fair to all members.

These guidelines aim to facilitate smooth and inclusive participation in both golf and bowls events, enhancing the overall experience for club members and visitors alike.

Correspondence Protocol:

To streamline communication and ensure efficiency, all correspondence must be directed to the Organizers via Email or WhatsApp. For game confirmation bookings, please utilize the Online bookings system. This protocol helps centralize communication channels and facilitates better organization of event-related matters.

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Qualification for Year-End Function:

Players must partake in a minimum of 6 golf or bowls games, whether combined or individually, to qualify for attendance at the year-end function. Failure to meet this stipulation will necessitate an additional contribution. This requirement ensures equitable participation and enhances the collective experience at the year-end function.

Golf Fines & Bowls "Nearest to the Bottle Payout":

- Golf fines are capped at a maximum of R10 per fine.
- Proceeds from fines will be allocated to the kitty fund.
- Bowls events do not entail fines; however, the "nearest to the bottle payout" will still contribute to the kitty fund.

Golf & Bowls Scorecards:

- Only one scorecard per team is required, complete with individual Gross, Points, and team score.
- All scorecards will be kept for the 12 games.
- Make sure to open a round on the handicap system and log your score for the game you played. This is very important and will be checked regularly, as it is a general requirement for golf.

Count Out Rules:

- Golf - Count out rules apply: Best score on the 2nd nine, if equal, then best on number 18, and so forth.
- Bowls- Count out rules apply: Best score on the last set, if equal then best score on second last set, and so forth.

Kijat Golf Club Rules:

Regardless of local course rules, the following club rules apply:

- Club length placing is permitted only on the fairway.
- All players are required to putt out (No concessions).
- In the event of a lost ball in areas not designated with red or yellow stakes, it must be treated as a red stake area. A penalty drop is made at the point of entry with no additional distance penalty.
- A lost ball marked with white must be treated as out of bounds. A penalty drop is made at the point of entry with a distance penalty, resulting in a two-stroke penalty.
- Nomads' rules apply for all putting, meaning players must complete their putting without waiting for others.

All other rules not mentioned adhere to the International Golf Rules Association guidelines unless otherwise specified. These rules ensure consistency and fairness across all club events and uphold the integrity of the game.

Best Golf Player of the Year Award:

- The "Hardehout" trophy for Player of the Year will be awarded based on a points system. To qualify for consideration, players must participate in a minimum of 8 games throughout the year. The Player of the Year will be determined by the best 8 games of the year, as determined by points earned.
- The prize for the Player of the Year will include a prestigious floating trophy along with a cash award. This recognition celebrates excellence and consistency in performance throughout the golfing season.

Games Schedule:

- The golf venues have changed this year. We have planned 6 local games, with 4 in Nelspruit and 2 in White River. Additionally, semi-local games will be held in Sabie and Barberton, while our away games are scheduled for KPL, Malelane & Kambaku.
- The games schedule will be provided separately on the WhatsApp group.

The club extends its heartfelt gratitude to both its sponsors and members. Your support and dedication contribute significantly to the success and vibrancy of the club. We value your partnership and commitment, which enable Kijat to thrive and continue providing exceptional social experiences for all involved. Thank you for being integral parts of our club's journey!