



Australian Government

SISSGLF316 Interpret and apply the rules of golf

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Modification History

The release details of this endorsed unit of competency set are in the table below. The latest information is at the top.

Release	Comments
1	Replaces but is not equivalent to SISSGLF306A Interpret and apply the rules of golf at the advanced level. Competency outcome changed. Combined with SISSGLF203A Interpret and apply the rules of golf at the A Grade level, to make one unit. Major changes throughout unit.

Unit Descriptor

This unit describes the performance outcomes, skills and knowledge required to interpret and apply the rules of golf that are needed to play golf in competitions or tournaments.

This unit prepares candidates for undertaking the Club Level Rules Accreditation as conducted by Golf Australia and its state affiliates.

Application of the Unit

This unit applies to those who need to understand and interpret the rules of golf in a competitive environment. The unit focuses on the key rules of golf and the application of those rules to a range of situations in golf competitions.

Licensing/Regulatory Information

No licensing, regulatory or certification requirements apply to this unit at the time of endorsement.

Pre-Requisites

Not applicable.

Employability Skills Information

This unit contains employability skills.

Elements and Performance Criteria Pre-Content

Elements and Performance Criteria

ELEMENT

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

Elements describe the essential outcomes of a unit of competency.

Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element. Where bold italicised text is used, further information is detailed in the required skills and knowledge section and the range statement. Assessment of performance is to be consistent with the evidence guide.

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| 1. Develop knowledge of the rules of golf. | 1.1 Access and interpret the <i>key rules and etiquette</i> requirements of golf.
1.2 Use a range of <i>resources</i> to help develop rules knowledge. |
| 2. Observe a golf round, competition or tournament. | 2.1 Observe players and club officials, with minimal disruption to the game, to confirm that the game is conducted according to the <i>rules and etiquette</i> of golf.
2.2 Seek clarification of application of golf rules and etiquette as required.
2.3 Identify any <i>breaches</i> of rules and etiquette by players and report to <i>appropriate personnel</i> according to <i>organisational policies and procedures</i> . |
| 3. Interpret and apply rules and etiquette of golf to own game. | 3.1 Prepare for a round, competition or tournament according to the rules and regulations of golf.
3.2 Make decisions on own game using <i>relevant information</i> .
3.3 Check and confirm own score with marker according to the rules and regulations of golf.
3.4 Refer decisions to officials in round, competition or tournament play as appropriate.
3.5 Confirm the interpretation of rules and etiquette is consistent with the documented rules of golf.
3.6 Communicate breaches of rules to appropriate personnel.
3.7 Mark partner scorecard according to the rules and regulations of golf. |

Required Skills and Knowledge

This section describes the skills and knowledge required for this unit.

Required skills

- communication skills to:
 - clarify rules and regulations of golf
 - report breaches of rules to appropriate personnel
- language and literacy skills to:
 - access, interpret and apply information about the rules and etiquette of golf
 - use the Rules of Golf and Decisions on the Rules of Golf books
- problem-solving skills to:
 - use information about rules and regulations to make decisions about own game
 - identify and apply local rules, used in rounds, competitions and tournaments
 - decide how and when to refer decisions to officials in competition or tournament play
- self-management skills to keep up to date with rule changes in golf
- numeracy skills to mark a scorecard.

Required knowledge

- how and when to use rule books and refer decisions to officials in rounds, competitions or tournaments
- rules, regulations and policies of golf bodies such as Registered Golf Clubs, Golf Australia, and the Professional Golfers Association (PGA) of Australia including any local rules as they relate to a competitive or tournament environment
- organisational policies and procedures, and best practice codes in order to play fairly and at a sufficient standard to obtain and retain an official golf handicap according to the Golf Australia handicapping system
- safety requirements and practices for professional golf tournaments
- reporting requirements and channels to report breaches in rules and regulations of golf
- terminology of golf rules and regulations
- the role of scoring and requirements for marking the card to ensure scores are recorded accurately
- duties of rules officials and referees including the delivery of rulings in golf competitions and tournaments.

Evidence Guide

The evidence guide provides advice on assessment and must be read in conjunction with the performance criteria, required skills and knowledge, range statement and the Assessment Guidelines for the Training Package.

Overview of assessment

Critical aspects for assessment and evidence required to demonstrate competency in this unit

Evidence of the ability to:

- access rules and use Rule Book to find relevant information
- develop knowledge of golf rules by using a range of resources and by observing rounds, competitions or tournaments
- make decisions in relation to own game based on the rules and etiquette of golf
- decide how and when to refer decisions to officials for clarification
- recognise and report when breaches of rules and etiquette occur according to appropriate channels and using appropriate communication strategies
- apply knowledge of golf rules, regulations and etiquette to mark cards and to confirm own score with marker.

Context of and specific resources for assessment

Assessment must ensure:

- interpretation of the rules of golf and the application of these to own game at a professional level under competition conditions on sufficient occasions to demonstrate competency and consistency of performance.

Assessment must also ensure access to:

- golf courses and competition facilities
- other participants competing in rounds, competitions and tournaments to observe and practice with
- suitably qualified golfing officials and support staff
- resources and equipment such as books, publications, and scorecards
- rules and etiquette of golf.

Method of assessment

A range of assessment methods should be used to assess practical skills and knowledge. The following examples are appropriate for this unit:

- observation of practical application of rules and regulations to own game
- oral or written questioning to assess knowledge of relevant rules, regulations and etiquette of golf

- third-party reports from officials or professionals detailing application of rules and regulations
- completed and verified score cards.

Guidance information for assessment

Holistic assessment with other units relevant to the industry sector, workplace and job role is recommended. Industry has determined that this unit should be assessed with the following units:

- SISSGLF314 Perform the advanced skills of golf.

Range Statement

The range statement relates to the unit of competency as a whole. It allows for different work environments and situations that may affect performance. Bold italicised wording, if used in the performance criteria, is detailed below. Essential operating conditions that may be present with training and assessment (depending on the work situation, needs of the candidate, accessibility of the item, and local industry and regional contexts) may also be included.

- Key rules and etiquette*** may include:
- how to use the Rule Book – contents and index
 - etiquette and course behaviour
 - definitions and rules of play
 - replacement of damaged club
 - ball unfit for play
 - scoring in stroke play particularly player responsibilities in relation to the scorecard
 - practice before, between and during a round
 - advice on the course
 - the teeing ground
 - identifying ball
 - improving lie, area or intended swing or line of play
 - ball lying in or touching a hazard
 - striking the ball
 - wrong ball
 - putting green, particularly line of putt
 - the flagstick
 - ball at rest moved/ball in motion deflected or stopped
 - lifting, dropping and placing
 - cleaning ball
 - obstructions
 - Ground Under Repair (GUR)
 - water hazards
 - lost ball including the play of a provisional ball
 - unplayable ball
- Resources*** may include:
- rule books
 - Decisions on the Rules of Golf
 - Golf Rules Illustrated
 - Golf Rules DVDs
 - other golfers or officials
 - internet
 - golf magazines and publications
- Breaches*** may include:
- rule breaches or incorrect application of rules
 - procedural breaches or incorrect application of

procedures

- incorrect scores or results
- breaches of etiquette.

Appropriate personnel may include:

- club officials
- accredited rules officials
- tournament or Tour officials
- tournament or match committee.

Organisational policies and procedures may include:

- reporting protocols
- code of ethics
- local rules
- specific competition or tournament regulations.

Relevant information may include:

- rules of golf
- publications of accredited professional bodies or associations
- scorecard and local rules
- Tour hard card
- regulations and policies of competition or tournament venue
- markers and course boundaries
- caddy.

Unit Sector(s)

Sport

Competency Field

Golf