

NOMADS BOTSWANA – RULES OF PLAY (2026)

1. Game Format

- All Nomads games are played as **Medal-Stableford** (play against the course, handicap added after)
 - A standard Nomads round is based on **30 points**.
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2. Pace of Play

- **Pick up your ball** after you have played **one stroke more than par** on a hole (net double bogey maximum). Record your most likely score
 - **Short holes:** If the group behind is on the tee and you have not started putting, allow them to tee off first
 - **Slow play:** If your fourball is still on a par 4 or 5 tee while the hole is clear, the whole fourball may be penalised
 - **Ready golf** and safe, fast play applies at all times
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3. Tees

Men

- Normal tees unless approved to play **Forward Tees** (60+ or medical reasons)
 - Playing off Forward Tees results in a **2-shot once-off handicap cut**.
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4. Dress Code

- Official **Nomads uniform** must be worn while playing
 - **Official Nomads dress uniform** must be worn at **Prize Giving**
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5. Handicaps

- Maximum Nomads handicap is **25** or your **Nomads Maximum Handicap**, whichever is lower

- Divisions:
 - **A:** 0 – 10
 - **B:** 11–15
 - **C:** 16–25
 - All monthly scores affect your Nomads handicap
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6. HNA Score Submissions

- Every player must submit their score to **HNA within 24 hours**
 - If not submitted within 24 hours:
 - Written warning
 - Then handicap penalties
 - Repeated abuse leads to disciplinary action
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7. Guests & Visitors

- Visitors may not win Nomads trophies but may receive a prize instead
 - Visitor handicaps are reduced (–2 to –6) based on Nomads Base Chart
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8. Prize Count-Outs

If players tie:

1. Lower handicap wins
 2. Higher score on odd holes
 3. Higher score on par 3s
 4. Coin toss
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9. If Play Is Interrupted

If at least **3 holes** are completed, scores are calculated by formula to produce an 18-hole score
If less than 3 holes:

- Club Executive decides whether the game counts

Players who leave without handing in a signed card are **disqualified**

10. GPKO (Gary Player Knock-Out)

- Played annually, finishing at **Gold Cup**
- **No partner substitution** once a competitive round is played
- Group A chooses venue & must give **3 dates**
- Highest combined score over 18 holes wins
- Ties go to **sudden death**

11. Qualification for Annual Competitions

A Nomad must be:

- **Paid up**
- **In good standing**
- **Meeting playing obligations**

12. Gold Cup

- Division winners qualify during the year
- Play off **average handicap**
- No runners-up — winners only