

## CONDITIONS OF PLAY

The Rules of Golf as laid down from time to time by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews shall apply except in so far as they are modified from time to time by LOCAL RULE.

The organization, control and conduct of all play on the course is vested in the Captain and Match Sub-Committee whose decisions shall always be final.

Club Championships to be played off Championship tees.

**Ties:** Except for stipulated major championship and match play events, a “count-back” shall decide the winner.

The committee has adopted the following recommendation of Golf Australia:

‘On the best card over the last 9, 6, 3 holes based, on one half, one-third and one-sixth of handicap respectively.’

**Protests:** All protests in connection with a competition must be made to the Director of Golf/Captain (in his/her absence a member of the Match Sub-Committee) immediately after the completion of such competition.

**Protests in Matchplay:** If a doubt or dispute arises between players, a player may make a claim, the player must inform his/her opponent of such Claim before any player in the match plays from the next teeing ground, or in case of the last hole of the match, before ALL players in the match leave the putting green.

The protest will be considered as early as possible by the Match Committee whose decision shall be final.

**Priority on the course:** As a rule, Play shall be in “FOURS”, or Three’s, Groups of Two’s in the field, must move to other groups or vice-versa to ensure there are no Two’s in the field.

**Competition Fees:** \$10.00 for all Club competitions, includes ball comp, and Eagles Nest, unless otherwise designated.

## **CONDITIONS OF PLAY Cont.**

**Competition Times:** The Golf Shop is the designated starter and is responsible for the collection of comp. fees and issuing of scorecards with the players name, date and event. Members who are unable to play at their booked time are requested to phone and advise so that this time slot may be re-allocated.

**Juniors:** No more than 2 juniors to play in the same group.

**Match Play Events:** Players participating in rounds of match play events ARE NOT ELIGIBLE to play in the Club event of the day. However, they may enter in Pro Ball for \$1 and NTPs for a \$1 fee. Any or all may be entered

**4 Ball Club Events only:** Where only three players are available for play in a four-ball event, the player 1<sup>st</sup> on the timesheet may play with each of the other players forming two teams. No additional competition fee is payable by that player. Such player to be eligible for only one trophy. If only a single pair, players must have a marker or play a social round of Golf.

**Local Rules:** The latest list of local rules and upcoming events will be digitally displayed on the left screen above the cashier's desk and can be viewed when entering the daily competition. They are also stored on the MiScore App.

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS**

A member who fails to notify his/her inability to play on 2 occasions, will be penalised by the removal of his/her privilege to make a time sheet booking for the period of one month, including being included in group bookings. These members will only be entitled to play in a time slot available on the day.

## **CONDITIONS OF PLAY Cont.**

### **TEE MARKERS**

**BLACK** – Club Championships and Monthly Medals

**BLUE** – Most Club Events, Matchplay and Foursomes Championships

**WHITE** – Social Play and some club events

**RED** – Ladies or as designated by Match Committee event listings.

### **PLAYERS' RESPONSIBILITIES (REFER RULE 6)**

- ❖ Check current handicap and make sure it is recorded on the card.
- ❖ To play off his/her current handicap, on pain of disqualification if he plays off a higher one.
- ❖ To check his/her score for each hole.
- ❖ To settle doubtful points with the Committee.
- ❖ To ensure that the Marker has signed the card.
- ❖ To countersign the card himself.
- ❖ To return the card to scanner and return tray as soon as possible (within 30 minutes of the completion of their round). On pain of disqualification if the player fails to do so.
- ❖ Players must register their golf link number to record their names in the competition prior to play.
- ❖ All players must always report to starter (golf-shop) 10 minutes prior to their tee time. Players arriving late may be required to play at the rear of the field and / or incurring a 2-stroke penalty.
- ❖ Players must be ready to play at their selected tee time, they must not unduly delay play, rain alone is not a reason to delay play, they must play without delay as soon as the group in front is out of range.

## **CONDITIONS OF PLAY Cont.**

### **MARKER REPOSNSIBILITIES (REFER RULE 6-6A/B)**

1. To check the score with the player after each hole including any penalty strokes.
2. To record the score taken by the player for each hole.

### **COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITY (RULE 33)**

A committee has the authority to make decisions about suspending or cancelling play if the course is not playable or if the game cannot be played properly

### **TROPHY VALUES**

Excluding major events, trophy values will be as follows:

Individual Par, Stableford and Stroke and Teams Events, \$60.00 per player.

Medal Event Winner - \$60.00 plus a monthly medal (if first one) and then choice of medal or \$10 voucher

Nett Grade winners \$60

Gross grade winners on medal day up to the value of \$30.00.

Stableford Medal winner \$60.00 plus a monthly medal (if first one) and then choice of medal or \$10 voucher, other grade winners a voucher to the value \$60.00.

## **CONDITIONS OF PLAY Cont.**

### **COMPETITIONS**

Men\*\* Minimum of 10 players constitutes a “competition”. If less than 10, and more than 5 players, a Ball Comp will be played.

Ladies\*\* Minimum of 10 players constitutes a “competition” If less than 10 and more than 5, a ball comp will be played. Competitions must be played within the competition tee times on the MiClub Online Booking Time Sheet.

Medley\*\* Minimum of 10 players constitutes a “competition”. If less than 10 and more than 5, a ball comp will be played. Competitions must be played within the competition tee times on the MiClub online booking timesheet.

Players MUST not tee off prior to the first Competition tee off time, or after the last Competition tee off time on the MI Club Online booking timesheet.

Handicap limits have been set for each appropriate number of grades. This will be reviewed every six months to ensure they are current with the handicaps of all grades. This allows an even spread throughout the competition.

### **LADIES**

10-19 Players One Grade

20-43 Players Two Grades

A grade -1 to 27, B 28 onwards

44+ Players Three Grades

A -1 to 20, B 21 to 30 and C 31+

Black Tee handicap ranges will go out 2 shots to align with HC adjustments

## **CONDITIONS OF PLAY Cont.**

### **MEN**

10-39 Players One Grade

40-59 Players Two Grades

A grade +8 to 16, B 17 onwards

60-99 Players Three Grades

A +8 to 12, B 13 to 18, C 19+

100+ Players Four Grades

A +8 to 9, B 10 to 12, C 14 to 18 and D 19+

Black Tee handicap ranges will go out 2 shots to align with HC adjustments.

Please note that grades will now be assigned after the final group has entered the competition as to ensure an even spread of players across all grades. Match committee reserves the right to change HC grades/competitions due to size of competition fields

### **RESULTS**

Competition results are posted on the Goonawarra Golf Club MiClub Booking Website

### **COMPETITION WINNERS**

Competition winners will have a credit placed onto their members accounts. These accounts are cleared to \$0 on June 30<sup>th</sup> each year. Major Trophies can be collected from the office.

Prizes awarded for each competition cannot exceed the prize pool available. The Match Committee or General Manager reserve the right to amend the prize allocation to reflect this in any manner they deem appropriate.

## **CONDITIONS OF PLAY Cont.**

### **SPECIAL PRIZES**

\*To be eligible for the special prizes, you must be entered into those days competition

#### **Eagles**

Competition Saturday, \$25 winner, \$15 each if shared.  
All other comps \$15.

#### **Ball Run**

\$10 on account

#### **NTPs**

\$20 on Account

#### **Pro Ball**

Total Value of entry pool - Prize Pool cannot exceed the total value of competition fees.

#### **5<sup>th</sup> Hole**

Hole in One – Up to \$2500

### **COURSE MARKINGS**

Yellow – Yellow Penalty Area

Red – Red Penalty Area

Blue – Ground Under Repair (GUR)

White – Out of Bounds

### **FAIRWAY DISTANCE MARKERS**

Blue Top posts, 150 meters to centre of green

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### COMPETITION FORMATS AND SCORING

**STROKE:** The score at each hole is entered on the card, totalled and the player's full handicap deducted.

**PAR:** Like Stableford except scores of Nett//Handicap PAR will be 0 instead of 2 points. Scores of over Nett//Handicap PAR will be -1 instead of 1 point. Scores better than Nett//Handicap PAR will be +1 instead of 3,4 etc. Score is then added at the end of the round with the highest score winning.

**STABLEFORD:** The score is entered on the score card as STROKE play. However, where the score equals par after allowing for the handicap stroke/s 2 points shall be awarded and entered in the column beside the score. Where par has been exceeded by one stroke after allowing for the handicap stroke/s 1 point shall be awarded and entered in the column beside the score. Where par has been bettered by one stroke after allowing for the handicap stroke/s, 3 points shall be awarded and entered in the column beside the score. Where par has been bettered by two strokes after allowing for the handicap stroke/s, 4 points shall be awarded, and so on.

**FOUR BALL BEST BALL (4 BBB):** Vs Par, Stableford or Stroke is played by both players taking strokes according to the irrespective handicaps with the best score for each hole only being recorded for the team.

**FOURSOMES:** Two players play as a team using one ball. Each player hits off alternative tees. The player then strikes the ball alternatively during the play of each hole. Scoring is done as for a STROKE round with the total being subject to a deduction of half the players combined handicaps.

**MIXED FOURSOMES:** Played as in foursomes except that the ladies play off their own tees.



## CONDITIONS OF PLAY Cont.

**MEDLEY EVENTS:** Both Men and Women playing in the same event off full handicaps using their respective card index and tees

**AMBROSE:** A novelty event with players forming teams. All players playing their tee shots, then selecting the best of their tee shots and players place ball within one hand span of selected ball. Play continues in the same manner until the green is reached. On the green after each player putts ball must be marked until all players have putt unless putt is holed. Then the following putts to be played from selected position.

Handicaps to be 1/8 of the combined handicaps of the group:

4 player teams must select 3 tee shots each

3 player teams must select 4 tee shots each

2 player teams must select 5 tee shots each

## **GOLF AUSTRALIA HANDICAP SYSTEM**

To obtain a handicap and be eligible for competition play, a player shall submit 3 stroke play cards-which shall be adjusted to show a maximum of 3 over par for any one hole. A player shall have only one Australian Handicap, the maximum of which is 54 for men and 54 for women.

If a player belongs to more than one club, he/she must nominate which is his/her home club and report all scores returned by him/her in competition at other clubs to his/her home club.