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COMPETITION ADMINISTRATION

AND CONDITIONS OF PLAY

Allocation of Trophies and Prizes

Prizes and balls will be presented as per the schedule in the scorer's manual, the Game Day Book. Some specific events will have a prize structure beyond the usual allocation. A Monthly Medal, Championship or board event can only be won by a full playing member. Members of the PGA are not eligible to win these events. Should a visitor or non-resident member return the best score of the day then they may be awarded the prize money, however the Medal or Board prize is awarded to the best score by a full member. Members of the PGA are permitted to play in other Club Competitions on Daily Handicap basis but are ineligible to win any Gross or skill based prizes (NTP's, Eagles, HIO's etc). Unless stated in the conditions of play, a player may only win one trophy.

Arriving late.

If a player arrives at the tee ready to play 5 minutes late the penalty is loss of two strokes in a stroke/stableford event or loss of the first hole in match play. Penalty for lateness beyond five minutes is disqualification.

Hole in One / Eagle

Full playing members who score a hole in one or an eagle in a competition will be eligible for a box of 12 balls and an engraved trophy. Non-resident members may be awarded 3 balls for either.

Competition - Cancellation or Abandonment

A minimum of 12 players constitutes a competition.

A competition may only be cancelled or deferred if the course has been closed. The decision to close the course is the prerogative of the Captain, Match Committee Member, and/or the course manager.

When play has been abandoned or deferred it will be the decision of the Match Committee as to whether the competition or round is re-scheduled or cancelled.

When a competition is cancelled the associated competition fees will be refunded.

At least 54 holes, 3 rounds of the Men's Club Championships must be played before the Championships can be declared to have been played.

At least 36 holes, 2 rounds of the Women's Club Championships must be played before the Championships can be declared to have been played.

Course Record

To be eligible for a course record to occur it must be in individual stroke play with holes and the tee markers in their proper medal or championship position and the ball is to be played as it lies.

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Daily Course Conditions of Play

If it is likely that the condition of the course may have changed overnight due to a weather event, the Club will conduct an overall review of the course. This may be conducted by the Head Greenkeeper (HG) or General Manager (GM) for daily events, or by the Captain or a Match Committee (MC) representative in the Captain's absence for major events, e.g., Club Championships.

If in the opinion of the HG, GM and/or the MC, the conditions of the course require changing, they will advise the Pro Shop who will then put the corresponding temporary local rule onto the Local Rules board. This temporary local rule will be in play until such time as the HG, GM or MC consider it appropriate to remove the rule.

The timeframe for such a decision to be made is no later than 30 minutes prior to the commencement of the first tee time. The Club will adhere to the Golf Australia guidelines in respect to the conditions of a golf course and its effects on handicapping.

Eligibility

A member or visitor must be a current financial member of a golf club, together with having a Golf Australia Handicap and registration with Golflink. The GA Handicap must comprise a minimum of 5 (five) competition cards.

Entering Competitions

Players may enter a scheduled competition via the club website (after registration), at one of the terminals in the club house or via the pro-shop either in person or by phone.

Players may enter a scheduled competition two weeks prior to the competition or when it becomes available online.

Social groups or visiting groups may pre-arrange an acceptable time by arrangement with either the golf professional or GM.

Handicaps

Golf Australia Handicaps as provided via Golflink will apply. Handicap divisions will be determined at the discretion of the Match Committee.

A player is required to submit 3 x 18 Hole, or 6 x 9 Hole, (or a combination of the two) stroke scores duly signed by a registered Golf Australia player, to the MC in order to obtain a GA Handicap.

Match Play

Members playing match play in Club Knockout Matchplay Championships may use time slots in the competition of the day. Due to different Matchplay Rules, members must NOT take part in the competition of the day. Players contesting a Match are required to pay Green Fees only, and not the Competition fee of the day's event.

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Pro Pin

The Pro pin (where used) is a separate daily competition administered by the golf professional with a separate entry fee and may be entered at player's discretion. The Prize Pool is retained by the Golf Professional. It is recommended that distances from the Pin (where close) are recorded on the NTP card and co-signed by the player's marker.

Protests

Protests or complaints should be submitted to the Match Committee in writing immediately following the event. Once winners have been declared and prizes are allocated no protests will be entered into.

Refund Policy

Players who have paid for a competition but, for any reason, cannot start in that competition will have their money refunded.

If the committee decides to abandon a competition or suspend play beyond a time when play cannot be completed in daylight, players will have their fees refunded.

Players seeking a refund for any other reason should apply in writing to the GM.

Score Cards

Players are responsible to mark and check their score cards in accordance with the rules of golf. Score cards must be signed by the player and scorer. When a scorer signs the player's card, they are declaring that this is a correct score and that the rules of golf have been followed. If the scorer believes that this is not the case, then they should not sign the card and inform a member of the MC of their concern. This may just be seeking a ruling in a particular situation.

Players are responsible for entering their results on the computers in the clubhouse and placing their cards in the Competition Cards box provided within 15 minutes of the completion of play.

Suspension of Play

Suspension of play may take two forms: immediate and normal

Immediate suspension of play will occur when there is imminent danger to the players on the course, particularly from lightning. Players will mark their ball and seek shelter. Failure to do so will result in disqualification.

Normal suspension of play will occur when parts of the course become unplayable. Players may mark their ball or play out the hole. They may not proceed to the next hole. Failure to do so will result in disqualification.

The signals for suspension and resumption of play will be by sounding the air horn:

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| a. Immediate suspension | 1 prolonged blast |
| b. Normal Suspension | 3 consecutive 5 second blasts repeated |
| c. Resumption of play | 2 short 2 second blasts repeated |

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Suspension of Play (Cont'd)

Players that consider there is an immediate danger to themselves from an extreme weather condition, e.g., lightning or high winds, may abandon play at any stage. Players that abandon play due to extreme weather conditions and where play has not been suspended by the MC or its representative are not eligible to return to the course to finish their round. They will be disqualified from the event and no refund will be given.

Tees

Unless otherwise stated, e.g., shotgun or 2 tee competitions, all competitions shall commence on the same tee. Should special circumstances arise, players may commence play from the 10th tee at the discretion of and only with the permission of the starter.

Time of Starting

There is an expectation that a player will have arrived and reported to the starter 10 minutes before the allocated hit off time.

Players are not to hit off earlier unless all players are present and agree to hit off early. They should inform the starter of their intentions. If a player/players hit off early without the starter's permission and leave a group member behind, they will be disqualified.

These conditions may be changed at any time by the Match Committee

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