



Conditions of Play

Contents

- A. Competition Entry Procedure
- B. The Timesheet
- C. Complaints and disputes.
- D. Results and Presentations.
- E. Course Records
- F. Major and Special events.
- G. Dress Code
- H. Weather Conditions
- I. General Conditions for Club Competitions
- J. Conditions of Play for Club Championship
- K. Club Championship Trophies
- L. Other Major Championships and Minor Awards
- M. Terms for Club Events

A. COMPETITION ENTRY PROCEDURE.

1. Enter the competition via the online timesheet.
2. On arrival at the course, report to the Course Office at least 15 minutes prior to hit-off times, as changes may have been made to the timesheet by the Club Captain (or their representative) or Golf Operations Staff.
3. Players arriving after this time will be moved to an appropriate later time slot. The Golf Operations Staff has the control to move other players accordingly to ensure continuous play.
4. Fees are to be paid and the MiScore app is activated (or card collected) at Course Office.
5. If procedure No 4 is not observed, the player will be removed from the field. Cards must be returned to the course office, for handicapping or the Miscore app submitted.
6. Check board for local rules and temporary local rules.
7. Hit off promptly when safe to do so at your allotted time slot unless directed otherwise.
8. Players are encouraged to avoid “slow play” by keeping up with the group in front. If a player/s continue to play slowly, the clubs slow play policy may be enforced.
9. At completion of play, MiScore app is to be completed, cross checked with the marker, signed and submitted. If using a card cross check with _____ the marker and take the card to course office for the staff to enter the scores. It is the responsibility of each player to ensure their card is correct when submitted.
10. The Golf Ops manager, or their representative, shall decide on the number of divisions for the day as per the Club formula, and their handicap rating. These are dependent upon the number of players playing and their handicap spread, as well as the revenue received on the day.

B. THE TIMESHEET.

1. Competition timesheets are available Online for members to use 9 days before the Competition is played. Players require their Golflink No and a password to access the Timesheet on MiClub, through the Barwon Valley Golf Club website. For guidelines on members guests and visitors playing in the competition field on Saturdays please refer to the Saturday Timesheet Policy

2. The timesheet is arranged so that groups will hit off at 7-minute intervals.
3. In the event of a player having their name on the timesheet and not being able to play, the player should delete their name from the online timesheet or contact the Course Office.
4. Members not present at their nominated time, or other members wishing to play, may still enter, but must hit off at a time arranged by the Golf Ops Manager, or their representative.
5. The Golf Ops Manager, or their representative, has the authority to move players from their designated position in the field to ensure continuity of play.
6. Ties in all “Non-Major” Events are decided by applying the count back system as per Golf Australia Handbook.
7. The Golf Committee, or their representatives may, in the event of bad weather, insufficient entries, or, for any health and safety reasons shorten, postpone, change or abandon any competition of the day.

C. COMPLAINTS AND DISPUTES.

1. Complaints relating to competition play will be heard and discussed with the representatives of the Golf Committee in attendance. If none are available, address complaints to the Golf Operations Staff.
2. If, after discussion with the Golf Committee representatives, the complaint is not resolved, it must be issued in writing within 24 hours of the day of the competition and lodged with the Club Secretary.
3. The Club Secretary shall as soon as possible, but within 7 days, forward written details of the dispute, requiring the parties to meet and discuss and attempt to solve the problem in good faith within 14 days of the notice of dispute being received by all parties.
4. Any decisions made by the Golf Committee are final and binding.

D. RESULTS AND PRESENTATIONS.

1. The competitor shall check their score for each hole and settle any doubtful points with the Golf Committee representatives. They must ensure that the scores are verified with your playing partner and submitted.

2. Presentations are made on Competition days at the discretion of the Golf Committee.
3. Results will be published in the Geelong Advertiser Golf Results. Results can also be found through the Barwon Valley Golf Club website.

E. COURSE RECORDS.

1. A course record can be set during Single Stroke Competitions, with daily tee markers placed so that the course playing distance is substantially the same as the length at which it was rated.

Exceptions

- a) Match Play
- b) In Par/Stableford Events or when stroke played in conjunction with Par/Stableford.
- c) When teeing-up or preferred lies are in operation on any part of course.
- d) Temporary Tees and Temporary Greens.

F. MAJOR AND SPECIAL EVENTS.

1. Entrants for these major and special events must be financial and possess a current handicap.
2. All rounds of events are conducted concurrently with Club Competitions as listed in Fixtures.

G. DRESS CODE

All players playing in Competition must adhere to the dress code set by the Club.

H. WEATHER CONDITIONS

1. Any two of -The Club Manager, Captain, Vice Captains and or the Course Superintendent and most senior golf operations staff, will decide on the day of play as scheduled in the Fixture, as soon as possible before

commencement of play, as to whether the competition will go ahead, or if there is to be a change in the game, in the case of inclement weather.

2. Please refer to the clubs Extreme Weather Policy for all guidelines on extreme heat and inclement weather.

I. GENERAL CONDITIONS FOR COMPETITIONS.

1. Formula for the allocation of prizes is worked out as per Golf Committee decision.
2. A medal event will be held once per quarter, on Saturday for both men and women. The overall nett winner receives A medal. A woman can win the overall and quarterly medal on a Saturday. The women's medallion, would then be awarded to the next best score. A quarterly medal event will also be held for men on Tuesday and women on Wednesday.
3. Scoring should be done using the MiScore app, which is provided by the Club to members. If a player does not have a smartphone, or is a visitor, paper cards should be used to score.
4. Visitors may play in Competition but are not eligible to win Major Club Trophies.
5. New members may obtain a handicap by producing 3 x 18hole cards, marked by a registered member. Five 9hole scores may be used to gain handicap after a conversion to an 18hole score.
6. NTP's on all par 3's for men and women. **Women only - on Wednesday**- 2nd shot to the 3rd for 30+ handicap, 17th hole - 2nd shot for all players.
7. Golden Shot. Optional competition, for a small fee on a par 3 hole, as set down by the Golf committee. To be contested on Saturday, Tuesday and Wednesday competitions. After paying the fee, players need to write their name on the list provided in the Pro shop. 100% return of the fee paid to winner.

J. CONDITIONS OF PLAY OF THE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS.

1. Stroke Competition played over 4 x 18-hole rounds on Saturdays for Men, with the top 4 finalists in each grade to finish on the final Saturday. The women will play 3 x 18- hole rounds on Wednesday and Saturday.
It is the responsibility of Saturday and Wednesday players to nominate either Wednesday or Saturday as the preferred day of play, for the duration of the 54 holes. There will be no 18hole playoff on the final Saturday.

The Golf Committee to provide a sign-up sheet to be placed in the Pro shop.

If there is a tie in the Gross events, a suitable time for a playoff will be arranged, by the Golf Ops Manager.

2. Players are to enter in Grades where possible on the online timesheet. Golf Ops or Committee representatives will explain conditions prior to the timesheet being available. Golf Ops Manager or a designated representative of the Golf Committee, has the right to move names to appropriate time slots.
3. Draw for the final round of Men's Club Championships will be the top 4 scorers in each grade, to be drawn to play together in the field on Saturday where possible. This applies to all grades.
4. If handicap is increased or broken during the Championship, the handicap of the first round of play shall prevail throughout for grading. (This does not apply for the competition of the day)
5. Progressive scores will be posted on the Barwon Valley Golf Club website.
6. To be eligible for Championships, names must be on the online timesheet - (Late entries under extenuating circumstances may be accepted at Golf Committee or their representatives' discretion).
7. In the event of a tie in the gross in the final round, there will be a playoff over holes 10,11 & 18. If still no result, a sudden death playoff on hole 10, until a result is reached. This includes all gross events.
8. The nett will be decided on a countback
9. The handicap used in the nett events, will be the handicap used in the first round of the Championships.
10. The Junior Championships will be played on the last Saturday of the Club Championships over 18 holes.
(Designated timeslots will be reserved on the timesheets and the juniors must play in these timeslots to be eligible).
11. In the event of a tie in the gross in the Junior event, sudden death on the 10th until a result is reached.
The nett will be decided on a countback.

K. CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS TROPHIES.

The Golf Committee to decide the handicap range, dependent on entries.

1. Best Aggregate Gross:

- a. Men Club Champion - Club Trophy.
- b. Women Club Champion - N Huggins Perpetual
- c. Women- A Grade Champion - GIO Trophy.

- d. Men - B Grade Champion - Club Trophy
- e. Women - B Grade Champion - Club Trophy
- f. Men - C Grade Champion - Club Trophy
- g. Women - C Grade Champion - M & A Lynch Trophy (30-45 handicap).
- h. Men - D Grade Champion - Club Trophy
- i. Juniors - Champion - Club Trophy.

2. Best Nett Aggregate:

If handicap is increased or reduced during rounds, original handicaps prevail.

- a. Men - Nett Champion - Eric Lyons Shield
- b. Women - Nett Overall Champion - Club Trophy
- c. Men - A Grade Nett - Club Trophy
- d. Women - A Grade Nett Champion - Club Trophy
- e. Men - B Grade Nett Champion - Club Trophy
- f. Women - B Grade Nett Champion - Club Trophy
- g. Men - C Grade Nett Champion - Club Trophy
- h. Women - C Grade Nett Champion - B Russell Memorial Trophy- Club Trophy (30-45 handicap).
- i. Men - D Grade Nett Champion - Club Trophy
- j. Juniors - Nett Champion - Captain's Shield - Club Trophy.

Women can only win one major trophy!

L. Other Major Championships & Minor Awards:

- a. Quarterly Medal: Club - Overall winner of stroke round. Club Trophy
Women - Overall winner of stroke round - Club Medallion

- b. Medal of Medalist: Club- Winner of playoff- John McDonald Shield - Club Trophy
Women - Winner of playoff- E J Price Trophy - Club Trophy
- c. Stableford-54 holes: Men - Graeme Bath Shield - Club Trophy
Women -Janet Oman Trophy- Club Trophy
- d. Par - 54 holes: Men - Allan Hubbard Shield - Club Trophy
- e. 4BBB Stableford (Pairs) Men - Gordon Russell Memorial - Club Trophy -18 holes
- f. 4BBB Par (Pairs): Men - W. Perrett Shield- Club Trophy - 18 holes
Women - 4BBB Championship - Club Trophy - 18 holes.
- g. Foursomes: Men - John Long and Leon McNamara Shield - Club Trophy - 18 holes
- h. Eclectic: Men- Best overall nett score- Club Trophy - Summer 6 weeks beginning 1st Feb
Men- Best overall nett score- Club Trophy - Winter 6 weeks beginning 1st June
Women- Joan Nolan Trophy- Club Trophy- Summer & Winter - aggregate
Women 9-hole- J Jewell Trophy -Summer and Winter - aggregate
- i. Most Improved: Men - Player reducing their handicap by the most strokes 1st Mar- 30th Oct
Women- Player reducing their handicap by the most strokes 1st Mar- 30th Oct

M. TERMS FOR CLUB EVENTS

Medal Days

1. Men's medals will be played for on both Tuesday and Saturday as per fixture/website, once per quarter.
2. Women's medals will be played for on both Wednesday and Saturday, once per quarter, as per fixture.
3. Players may only win one medal per quarter.
4. If event is not played, as per fixture, then the day to be altered to the next stroke round, or an appropriate round decided by the Golf Committee.
5. In the event of a tie a countback will apply.

Medal of Medalists

1. Men's playoff off to be on a Saturday.
2. Women's playoff to be held Wednesday/Saturday in alternate years (odd years i.e., 2017, on Saturday and even years will be played on a Wednesday).
3. In the event of a tie a countback will apply.

Graeme Bath Shield- Men

1. Stableford- Best aggregate 54 hole score, as per fixture.
2. If handicap is reduced during the 3 rounds the original handicap prevails.
This does not apply to the daily competition.
3. In the event of a tie, a countback will apply.

Janet Oman Perpetual Trophy- Women

1. Three rounds Stableford on both Wednesdays and Saturdays, in conjunction with Bath Shield.
2. The first three rounds count!
3. In the event of a tie, a countback will apply.

Junior Stableford Champion

1. Stableford conducted over 18 holes on final Saturday of the Bath Shield
2. In the event of a tie, a countback will apply.

Allan Hubbard Shield- Men

1. Par- Best aggregate 54 hole score, as per fixture.
2. If handicap is reduced during the 3 rounds, the original handicap prevails. This does not apply to the daily competition.
3. In the event of a tie, a countback will apply.

Gordon Russell Memorial- Men

1. 4BBB Stableford (Pairs) conducted over 18 holes.
2. In the event of a tie, a countback will apply

W Perrett Shield -Men

1. 4BBB Par played in pairs, conducted over 18 holes.
2. In the event of a tie, a countback will apply

4 BBB Par Championships- Women

1. 4BBB Par played in pairs, conducted over 18 holes, in conjunction with Perrett Shield.
2. In the event of a tie, a countback will apply

John Long and Leon McNamara Shield - Men

1. Foursomes Championships-Gross event to be played in pairs, as per fixture.
2. In the event of a tie, a playoff over holes 10, 11 & 18 until a result is obtained.

Overall Eclectic Winner

1. Men- conducted as Summer- 1st Feb for 6 weeks and Winter -1st June for 6 weeks. This is awarded to the player with the lowest composite 18 holes Nett scores. Conducted over Saturdays and Tuesdays. (This is calculated by deducting $\frac{1}{2}$ of the player's current handicap from the composite gross score.)
2. Women's Eclectic event is conducted on Wednesday and Saturdays on all singles competitions, 2 x 6week blocks in line with the men, but as an aggregate score.
3. Recording for the Eclectic will be done by MiClub and checked by the Golf Committee representatives, to ascertain the winner.
4. In the event of a tie two or more trophies will be awarded.

9 Hole Eclectic Women

1. Trophy awarded to the player with the lowest composite 9 hole Nett score, as per overall eclectic terms. Calculated by deducting $\frac{1}{4}$ of the player's current handicap from the composite gross score, by a representative of the Golf Committee.
2. In the event of a tie two or more trophies will be awarded.

Most Improved

1. Trophy awarded to the player, in both men and women's competitions, who reduces their G.A. handicap by the most strokes, during the period in the Fixture (1st March until 31st October) - e.g., Began on 30.1 and on 21.3, lost 9 strokes.
2. If more than one player reduces their handicap by the same amount in the set time period, then two or more trophies to be awarded.

Golf Aus. Silver Spoon -Women

1. Played over four qualifying rounds and a final round. Optional entry, **with extra cost** set by Golf Australia/Victoria.
2. Dates as per Fixture (Wednesday & Saturday competitions).
3. Players can only win once in each round of competition, but can win more than once overall.
3. Tied round, both (or more) players advance to the final round.
4. Winner may go to a playoff at a designated course. Reference Women's Handbook

Doris Chambers Foursomes Women

1. Date as per fixture, played on a Wednesday. Optional entry, **with extra cost** as set by Golf Australia/Victoria.
2. Winners to go to a playoff at designated course. Reference Women's Handbook.

Silver Salver Foursomes- Women- SWGA qualifying event

1. Date as per fixture held on a Wednesday. Copy of winning scorecard to be forwarded to SWGA, with designated entry fees collected on the day. **Extra fee to enter.**
2. SWGA award a trophy to the players whose nett score, lowers their Club scratch rating by the greatest number.

Grandmother's Event Women

1. Stableford round in conjunction with the 18-hole event of the day. Include 9-hole players, by conducting the grandmother's event over the front nine holes.
2. If a tie, a countback will be implemented.

Hole in One

1. Member or Visitor is eligible to claim this if playing in competition and has a legitimate handicap.
2. Only members are eligible to win a Club trophy and have their name placed on the honour board.

All ties in Club events to be resolved on the day.

Birdie and Eagle competitions Men and Women

1. Conducted over designated fixture competitions, from 1st March to 30th October.
2. Best overall achievements will be noted on the Club website.

Par Competitions Men and Women

1. Men handicap 20-36. Women handicap 30-45. Must be within these handicaps from 1st March to 30th October.

2. Conducted over designated fixture competitions, from 1st March to 30th October.
3. Best overall achievements will be noted on the Club website.

Instructions relating to the various games such as Irish 4 Ball, Multiple Stableford, Ambrose etc., including how the game is scored, handicap conversion etc., the Golf Operations Manager, will undertake to provide a printout on fixture days for players and have a copy placed in the office. Players are encouraged to read these.

The following references may be used in interpreting the Conditions of Play.

1. Rules & Regulations, By-Laws & Constitution of Barwon Valley Golf Club
2. R&A & USGA Rules of Golf and Rules of Amateur Status Jan 2023.