

2017 CCWGA INTERCLUB MATCH PLAY COMPETITION

CONDITIONS OF PLAY

POOLS

There are 2 separate pools, named Banksia and Wattle. Once a player has played in one pool, they are ineligible to play in the other pool.

PENALTY FOR BREACH *Disqualification of player and forfeit of any matches they have played in the second pool.*

MATCHES

All matches must be played as per the draw.

All matches will be handicap match play **using full difference of daily handicaps**. Strokes are given as per the MATCH PLAY INDEX of the course at which the match is being played. No match may go beyond the 18th hole.

PLAYERS

Players must hold a current Golf Australia handicap.

Players with club handicaps are NOT eligible to represent their club.

Players may only represent one CCWGA club during the season.

All players must be fully financial members of their club.

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HANDICAPS

Handicaps will be determined by the player's G.A. handicap on Golf Link as at 6pm on the regular competition day of their club in the week prior to the Monday Match Play. This handicap will apply even if there are scores that have not been updated.

Players will play off their **daily handicap** for the course being played, as determined by the daily handicap chart that is provided to all clubs.

There is no restriction on individual handicaps except that **the total of the GA handicaps for each team must be at least 130**. *If the total is less than required, the team is disqualified.*

Players in each team must play in handicap order from lowest to highest. The exact GA handicaps will determine the order. *If a player plays out of handicap order, all matches that are affected, are forfeited.*

TEAMS

Clubs may field ONE (1) team only in each pool.

Each team is to consist of SEVEN (7) players.

PENALTY FOR BREACH

- *If there are only 6 players available in a team, the total of their handicaps needs to be at least 110. If this is not possible, the whole team has to forfeit. The same rule would apply to the opposing team, ie. they may choose which player will not play, provided the handicap total of the remaining 6 players is at least 110.*
- *Where a team is unable to field a minimum of six (6) players the whole game is forfeited to the opposition with the score being 7-0.*

BEFORE THE MATCH

In the event that a Club can only field six (6) players in a team, the Opposing Captain must be notified as soon as possible.

If a complete forfeit of a team is necessary, (fewer than 6 players available), notify the Opponent, the Host Club and the District Captain at the earliest time possible.

AT THE MATCH

Fifteen minutes before the first tee time team captains are requested to exchange a list of their team players and handicaps in **GA handicap order** in which they are to play (lowest to highest). A copy of the list is to be given to the official on duty at the same time. Positions in the team may not be altered after the lists are exchanged.

Captains must toss to determine which team has the honour.

Winner of the toss must take the honour.

Starting Time.

Rule 6 3a applies. The player must start at the time established by the Committee.

Penalty for breach of Rule 6 3a. *If the player arrives at his starting point, ready to play, within five minutes after his starting time, the penalty for failure to start on time is loss of the first hole in match play. Otherwise, the penalty for breach of this Rule is disqualification.*

Exception: Where the Committee determines that exceptional circumstances have prevented a player from starting on time, there is no penalty.

The interval time between matches is 8 minutes and the starting time for each team player is worked out accordingly. Even if the team is behind time in teeing off the originally calculated start time is the reference point for deciding whether a player has breached this rule.

If a player is delayed and her explanation accepted so that disqualification is waived, she must be at the course ready to play, within 8 minutes of the last match of her team having hit off. No additional 5 minutes applies. The corresponding player,(eg. Player No.2,) in the other team will wait. All other players play as originally planned.

The following **are** circumstances which may warrant the waiving of the penalty of disqualification when a player is more than five (5) minutes late: This will be the decision of the Starter on duty at the course.

Major accident: A major accident is one which involves multiple collisions and/or closures of major traffic routes.

First on Scene at Accident to provide medical assistance or act as a Witness for Police.

Unforeseen mechanical problems requiring assistance:

Eg Car will not start because of a flat battery or flat tyre. Validation from mechanic or NRMA must be produced.

The following are **NOT** valid reasons for waiving the penalty of disqualification under Rule 6-3a.

Getting lost, heavy traffic, misreading draw or starting times.

Results

On the completion of matches, Team Captains must ensure that the results are correct and sign the result sheet. Once the captains of the teams have agreed to the results and have signed the results sheet then that day's competition is closed, and the results announced. The posted results on the board are a guide only and do not necessarily reflect the correct result. Signing the result sheet does not prevent a team from lodging a protest.

The Official on Duty will then email the results to the District Captain, Jenny Chapman, jrchapman19@gmail.com Alternatively, the result sheet may be given to the Breakers team captain to be delivered to Jenny.

SCORING

Points will be awarded as follows in both pools:

Win = 2 points Draw = 1 point Forfeit = 2 points

The team with the most number of points at the end of the competition is the winner.

In the event of a tie, a count back will be made on the number of individual games won. If no result is produced then joint winners will be declared.

DISPUTES

Protests must be lodged in writing by the Club Captain or her authorized representative as soon as possible after the match but no later than 10am the following day. Protests are to be lodged with the CCWGA Captain.

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All disputes will be settled by the **CCWGA Match Committee**, whose decision is final.

Penalty for Breach

If a Club Captain or her authorized representative fails to follow the protocol then any protest is null and void and will not be acted upon in an official capacity.

WEATHER

In the event of bad weather in the days prior to a match the host club captains are asked to make an assessment of the condition of their course and if possible make any decision to cancel the night before.

In the event of cancellation being necessary on the morning of the match please ring the captains of the clubs that have the greatest distance to travel first and notify the District Captain.

If lightning is threatened play MUST be suspended in reasonable time to get players off the course before the storm hits.

In the event of excessive rain at the start of or during the play of the matches, the Official on Duty has the authority in consultation with the team captains to suspend and start later or cancel play if she deems that the course is becoming unplayable. Otherwise play must continue. The Official on Duty has the final say.

Suspension of Play Procedures

A suspension for a dangerous situation will be signaled by **one** prolonged note of siren or as otherwise communicated to players. Players must discontinue play immediately and must not resume play until permitted.

All other types of suspension will be signalled by **three** consecutive notes of siren or as otherwise communicated to players. Players have the option to cease play immediately if they are in the process of playing a hole, or to complete the hole and then cease play.

Resumption of play will be signalled by **two** short notes of siren or as otherwise communicated to players. Upon being advised of resumption, play must be resumed immediately by all competitors on the course, as near as possible from where play ceased.

WHEN PLAY IS ABANDONED DUE TO WEATHER CONDITIONS

If an overall team result has been obtained, that result will stand.

If there is no team result the match will be played at a re-scheduled time as arranged by the CCWGA Match Committee. Matches will only be re-scheduled if it will impact on the overall results of the competition.

GENERAL

Caddies are not allowed.

Dress Regulations It is the responsibility of the competitors to know and ensure that they comply with the dress regulations of the host club. Host Club officials are responsible for policing of regulations and NOT the CCWGA Officials. Players may be prohibited from competing in a competition for a breach of a club's dress regulations.

Motorised transport is not permitted except in the following instances:

- Players aged 70 and over.
- Players with a permanent disability. No medical certificate is required but Team Captains are asked to verify their situation.
- Players with a temporary disability. A medical certificate is required and should be approved by the Match Committee prior to the day of play.
- Players using carts must do so from the commencement of their round. It is not permitted to obtain a cart during a round.

Penalty for Breach

Disqualification of the player.

Mobile Phones

The use of a mobile phone by a competitor whilst on the golf course during an event is distracting and inconsiderate. If the competitor is in possession of a mobile phone, it should be turned off. If the phone rings this is deemed to be in use and the committee may take disciplinary action against the offending player in accordance with the concluding paragraph of section 1, Etiquette of the Rules of Golf. **If a mobile phone has a distance measuring device facility** it may be used provided the facilities to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect play (i.e. gradient, wind speed, temperature, etc) are NOT used. However the 'phone communication' facility of the mobile phone should be turned off. The opponent and starter should be informed if the player plans to use this facility on the phone.

Penalty for Breach

One warning then disqualification. The opponent must give a warning and then make a claim in the event of subsequent use. (Refer to Rule 2-5). Players who have a medical or other serious reason to have a mobile phone switched on may do so but must obtain permission from the starter for the phone to be turned on in mute mode and used in such an emergency. They should also notify their opposition.

Distance Measuring Devices

These are allowed but if they have the facility on them to measure anything else except distance eg gradient, windspeed, temperature etc these facilities must NOT be used.

Carts CCWGA takes no responsibility for the availability or use of carts.

Rules

The Rules of Golf, the Local Rules of the course being played and any supplementary Local Rules as determined by the CCWGA Match Committee shall apply.

Full responsibility for the selection of team players rests with the Club and Team Captains.

MARGIN SHIELD

The Margin Shield is played in conjunction with the CCWGA Interclub Match Play Competition and is named in honour of the Margin family for their support of the District since its inception.

Conditions of Play

1. At the conclusion of the series, points will be awarded to each participating club, on the basis of the position that they gained in each pool, before countbacks were applied.

2. Points will be awarded as follows:

1st = 5 points, 2nd = 4 points, 3rd = 3 points, 4th = 2 points, 5th = 1 point.

An aggregate of the points from both pools will determine the winner of the Margin Shield.

Where a position is tied each club will be awarded the same points. Eg If two teams tied for first, each team would receive 4 ½ points. If tied for second, each team would receive 3 ½ points, etc.

In the event of a tied overall result, the club with the most individual match wins in both pools will determine the winning club.

If still tied, joint winners will be declared.