

CARRAMAR SOCIAL GOLF CLUB Inc
hereinafter referred to as "the Club"

PLAYING & COMPETITION RULES

Rules of Golf

1. All play shall be in accordance with -
 - (a) The Rules of Golf as settled or approved from time to time by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews
 - (b) For play at Carramar Golf Course the Local Rules applicable to that Course except to the extent that they are modified or supplemented by these Rules or any Club Local Rules issued by the Match Committee from time to time

Match Committee

2. The Match Committee consisting of the President, Vice President, Captain, Vice Captain and Handicapper or such other members called upon in the absence of members of the Match Committee shall be "the Committee" for the purpose of the Rules of Golf referred to in Rule 1 above.

Fixtures

3. The Match Committee shall produce a Summer and Winter Fixture List within 14 days of the Annual General Meeting and distribute to all members. Changes to the published Fixture List shall wherever possible be notified to members not less than 14 days prior to the event.
4. Events shown on the Fixture List shall indicate the day(s) of play, type of event, trophy being played for, sponsor and either a social or draw event. The Match Committee shall produce a weekly Event Sheet for all events on which groupings and/or timings will be recorded.
5. All events shall be conducted on Saturday and Sunday unless indicated as a one day event. Subject to places being available members may play on both days but shall compete only once having indicated at the previous Wednesday social gathering the day on which they will be competing.

Playing Groups and Times

Social or non Draw

6. Groups and times for events designated as 'social' or 'non draw' shall be determined by members indicating their preferred playing group on the event sheet supplied by the Match Committee. Any alteration to the members of a group or its tee time shall only be made after consultation with every group member

Draw

7. For the events designated as a 'draw', the Match Committee shall conduct a draw for playing groups and times prior to the event and members must adhere to the draw as conducted. The format and conduct of the draw shall be as determined by the Match Committee from time to time.
8. Any changes to the draw groupings shall be at the sole discretion of the Club Captain who shall if necessary or possible consult with the Match Committee as soon as possible after receiving a request for a change.
9. Members not entering the draw or playing otherwise than in accordance with the rules governing the draw shall not be eligible to receive prizes or Trophies in that Club event.

10. In the event of a member withdrawing from an event or being unable for whatever reason to take up an allocated tee time the member shall notify the Club Captain or the Professional at the Carramar Golf Course as soon as possible. The member shall not be entitled to any refund of fees paid unless the Club itself receives reimbursement from the Carramar Golf Course in respect of that withdrawal.

Handicaps

11. The Club Handicapper shall, on behalf of the Club, prepare and maintain an up to date register of handicaps for members of the Club. Handicaps shall be amended at least weekly or in accordance with the current handicap procedures governing the Club.
12. The maximum handicap for male members shall be 36 and the maximum handicap for female members shall be 45.
13. For the Club Championship the Monthly Competition and the Eclectic Competition there shall be 4 handicap grades (A, B, C and Ladies). At the completion of the last Club fixture in October each year the Match Committee shall review the number of members playing in each grade and make any necessary adjustments to the handicap range of each grade to maintain an even balance of player numbers in each grade.
14. New members and former members rejoining the Club must disclose any current or previous handicaps they have been awarded and if they are Golflink members their current Golflink number. New members and former members rejoining the Club and those changing from Red to White tees (or vice versa) are to supply to the Handicapper 3 separate stroke play cards played at the Carramar Golf Course and signed by a member. These cards together with any Golflink record shall be used to confirm a current Golflink handicap. New members are expected to play their first game with their proposer and at least one of the first three games with a Committee member. No new member or (subject to rule 18) former members rejoining the Club shall be eligible to receive event prizes until a full handicap is established and appropriate membership fees paid.
15. New members and former members rejoining the Club must advise the Club of any current handicap or any official handicap held during the previous 12 months. On receipt of proof of those handicap details the member may be deemed exempt from Rule 14
16. Members of the Club having current affiliation with another golf club and having been allocated a handicap by that club, must notify the Club of the existence of that handicap and advise the Club promptly of any changes to that handicap.
17. The Club Handicapper is empowered to consider other club handicaps when revising members' handicaps. The Club Handicapper is authorised to provide details of any members' handicaps to any other golf club if requested by that club or member.
18. Former Club members rejoining after less than 24 months absence may commence weekly competition immediately using their last recorded Club handicap. The rejoining member shall only be eligible to win weekly club prizes (not Trophy events) until 3 cards have been submitted.

Bookings/Bookers

19. Online Bookings (www.carramargolf.com.au) for weekend play are required at the Carramar Golf Course. Bookings for Saturday start at 9.00am on the preceding Tuesday with bookings for Sunday starting at 9.00am on the preceding Wednesday. The Match Committee shall arrange for members (hereinafter referred to as "Bookers") to carry out this task on behalf of the Club.
20. In consideration of carrying out the task referred to in rule 19 in any week Bookers shall -
 - (a) In respect of that week (except subject to the provisions of rule 34(h) and rule 36) have the right to select and be granted a preferred tee time.
 - (b) Be indemnified by the Club against any financial loss properly incurred in carrying out the task

Tees

21. In all events conducted by the Club (except where the format otherwise dictates) male members shall tee off from the White Tees.
22. Female members upon joining the Club shall elect to tee off from the White Tees or the Red Tees and shall each year at the commencement of the summer season confirm that election.
23. Female members having made their election shall play from the elected Tees in all events conducted by the Club (except where the format otherwise dictates) and in the event of wishing to change from White Tees to Red Tees (or vice versa) shall first obtain the Match Committee's approval and comply with rule 14.

Note Other Rules may apply in Competitions and Events other than at Carramar Golf Course or not arranged by the Club and Members should apprise themselves accordingly

Scorecards

24. Each member is required to learn the Rules of Golf and how to mark the scorecard for each event on the Fixture List.
25. When marking other member's scorecards, members shall ensure the correctness of the scorecard and for the benefit of all ensure that other members play according to the rules.
26. Scorecards are to be signed by the player and his marker and deposited in the locked box provided at the Carramar Golf Course for collection at the completion of the event/competition.

Prizes/Trophies

27. Only Full Playing members, Life Members, Senior Members and Junior members who are fully paid up shall be eligible to win prizes and trophies
28. Prizes for all events on the Fixture List shall be at the discretion of the Match Committee. Prizes for both Saturday and Sunday (non trophy events) shall be presented on the following Wednesday social gathering unless notified otherwise.
29. Trophies for competition events shall be presented at the respective summer and winter trophy presentation nights. Trophies are held by the member for the period up to the next competition for that trophy. Members are requested to return perpetual trophies prior to the trophy competition.
30. During a blue/red tee event, members playing from the white tees in a match play game, having paid the competition fee are entitled to have their scores taken into account for the Eclectic Competition and to enter and win the nearest the pin (NTP) prize. They are not entitled to win the weekly club prizes. A signed and dated card certifying their scores and NTP entry must be submitted in the usual manner.

Dress Conduct and Etiquette

31. Members shall maintain a high standard of dress and observe the recognised etiquette of golf at all times. Members must comply with the dress standards of the Carramar Golf Course or any other venue visited by the Club.
32. On any occasion where a member is representing the Club either individually, or as part of a group or team, the then current official Club shirt shall be worn unless the Committee decides otherwise.
33. (a) If a group falls two or more holes behind the group in front and is holding up groups behind, the group behind may place a note (signed by at least two players) into the card box naming the slow group

(b) each of the players in the named group will receive a penalty of 2 stroke (stroke play) or 2 stableford points (stableford play) or 2 holes (par play)

Club Championship

34. The Club Championships shall be determined over 4 consecutive stroke rounds. Individual handicaps will be recalculated at the end of each round. The Grades for the Club Championship will be determined by the Match Committee and for the duration of the event members shall remain in the Grade allocated at the commencement irrespective of any handicap change.
- (a) The Club Champion is the member having the lowest aggregate GROSS score for the 4 rounds.
 - (b) The Nett Club Champion is the member having the lowest aggregate NETT score for the 4 rounds.
 - (c) The Grade Champions will be the members having the lowest aggregate NETT score for the 4 rounds in each grade.
 - (d) The Club Champion and Nett Club Champion shall not be eligible to win their respective Grade Championship.
 - (e) Subject to rule 34(f) to be eligible to enter the Club Championship, members must have played a minimum of 10 events during the 12 month period immediately preceding the commencement of the Club Championship. For the purpose of this rule an 'event' means:-
 - 1) an event contained in the Club's Fixture books
 - 2) an occasion when the Member is representing the Club in a match or other golf tournament recognised by the Match Committee
 - (f) To be eligible to enter the Club Championship, a member joining the Club during the 6 month period immediately preceding the Club Championship must have played a minimum of five events as described in rule 34(e) after obtaining a fully recognised handicap in accordance with rule 14.
 - (g) Members requesting exemption from the provisions of rule 34(e) or 34(f) must provide written reasons to the Match Committee 2 full weeks before the commencement of the Club Championships. The Match Committee shall then advise its decision at the next full Club Committee meeting or to a Special Committee meeting prior to the commencement of the Club Championships.
 - (h) For the third and final round of the Championship cart sharing arrangements, partner arrangements and bookers' preferences will be suspended. Players will however still have the choice of which day to play.

Monthly Competition

35. A stroke event shall be conducted each month to be known as the 'Monthly Competition'.
- (a) An individual prize shall be awarded to
 - (i) The member having the lowest GROSS score for the event,
 - (ii) The member having the lowest NETT score for the event in each grade (see Rule 13)
 - (b) The GROSS prize winner is not eligible to also win their respective grade prize but shall receive the points referred to in rule 32(c) according to the ranking of their nett score in the grade

(c) A point system shall be used to establish annual nett winners for each grade over a 12 month period covering both Winter and Summer seasons.

(i) Points will be awarded each month on the following system:

Each grade winner (nett) receives 5 points:

Each 2nd place (nett) receives 4 points:

Each 3rd place (nett) receives 3 points.

Each player that finishes with a nett score receives 2 points.

Players who are disqualified will not receive any points.

(ii) If a member moves between grades as a result of handicap changes their respective points move with them.

(iii) From 1st September, each year, a player remains in their grade and that will be the grade they are eligible to win.

(iv) New members who join after the start of the season will start with the same number of points as the lowest player in the grade they are handicapped in once their handicap is fully established.

(v) The best ten months' points will be used to determine the nett winners for each grade.

(vi) In the event of a count back the winner will be decided on how many monthly games they have competed in. If still equal then by the player with the most number of points in the last month, then by the previous month and so on until a winner is determined.

Summer And Winter Cups

36. For the second round of both the Summer and Winter Cups cart sharing arrangements, partner arrangements and bookers' preferences will be suspended. Players will however still have the choice of which day to play.

Seniors Trophy

37. The Senior's Trophy winner shall be determined over the combined 4 stroke rounds of the Summer Cup and Winter Cup.

(a) To be eligible to win the Seniors Trophy a member must be between the age of 55 years and 64 years on or before the commencement of the first round of the Summer Cup.

(b) The Senior's Trophy is awarded to the member having the lowest aggregate NETT score over the four rounds of the Summer and Winter Cups.

Veterans Trophy

38. The Veteran's Trophy winner shall be determined over the combined 4 stroke rounds of the Summer Cup and Winter Cup.

(a) To be eligible to win the Veteran's Trophy a member must be 65 years of age or older on or before the commencement of the first round of the Summer Cup.

(c) The Veteran's Trophy is awarded to the member having the lowest aggregate NETT score over the four rounds of the Summer and Winter Cups.

Least Putts Trophy

39. The Least Putts Trophy shall be determined over the combined 8 stroke rounds of the Summer Cup the Winter Cup and the Club Championship.
- (a) The Least Putts Trophy shall be awarded to the member (or members) recording the least aggregate total number of putts from any 6 of the 8 rounds of the Summer Cup the Winter Cup and the Club Championship.
- (b) In the event of a tie there will be no count back and the Trophy shall be awarded jointly to each tied member.

Individual Matchplay

40. The Match Committee shall from time to time determine the format and conditions for the playing of the Individual Match play Trophy

Eclectic Competition

41. a) An Eclectic Competition will be held during each of the Summer and Winter seasons the winners to be the player in each grade with the lowest Nett total of their best scores for each hole of the Carramar Golf Course.
- b) A player's lowest Nett total will be calculated by deducting 50% of the player's exact Golf Australia (GA) handicap from the aggregate gross total of their best scores for each hole of the Carramar Golf Course.
- c) Only scores recorded in official Club events on a scorecard signed by the player and a marker in the usual manner will be eligible and players must have a score recorded for each hole to be eligible to win.
- d) For the purpose of this rule the player's GA handicap and the grade in which they compete will be those applicable 3 weeks before the end of the competition.

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