

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 and/or any Club Local Rules issued by the Match Committee from time to time
 - (c) The provisions of the World Handicapping Scheme as adopted by Golf Australia including any Guidance Notes issued in respect thereof

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/Events

3. The Match Committee shall produce and publish a Summer and Winter Fixture List within 14 days of the Annual General Meeting. 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 type of draw (social/non draw or draw). 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.
6. A member wishing to be entered into the draw for any fixture or event will be required to pay a weekly game fee and comply with the provisions of these Rules and the Conditions of Entry in the Appendix to these Rules. For the purpose of this rule 'weekly game fee' shall mean the sum of the green fee incurred by the Club on the member's behalf and whatever competition entry fee the Club has decided upon for the time being.

Playing Groups and Times

7. From time to time the Match Committee will determine the method of allocating tee times and playing groups depending on whether an event is designated a ‘Draw’ event or a ‘Social/non Draw’ event. Playing groups and times will be allocated at the Wednesday social gathering preceding the event.
8. The method of allocating tee times and playing groups and other conditions of entry shall be set out as an Appendix to these rules.
9. Any changes to playing groups shall be at the sole discretion of the Club Captain who shall if necessary or possible consult with the Match Committee after receiving a request for a change.
10. Members not entering the draw or playing otherwise than in accordance with these Rules and the Conditions of Entry shall not be eligible to receive prizes or Trophies in that event.

11. 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 and advise at least one other player in the playing group so they will not be expecting the member to play. The member shall not be entitled to any refund of green fees paid unless the Club itself receives reimbursement from the Carramar Golf Course in respect of that withdrawal.

Handicaps

12. 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.
13. The maximum handicap for male members shall be 36 and the maximum handicap for female members shall be 45.
14. For the Club Championship the Monthly Competition and the Eclectic Competition there shall be 3 handicap grades (A, B, C). 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.
15. 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 19) former members rejoining the Club shall be eligible to receive event prizes until a full handicap is established and appropriate membership fees paid.
16. 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 15
17. 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.
18. 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.
19. 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

20. Online Bookings for weekend play are required at the Carramar Golf Course. Bookings for Saturday start at 9.00am on the Thursday 9 days before game day, with bookings for Sunday starting at 9.00am on the Friday. The Match Committee shall arrange for members (hereinafter referred to as "Bookers") to carry out this task on behalf of the Club.
21. In consideration of carrying out the task referred to in rule 20 in any week Bookers shall -

- (a) In respect of that week (except subject to the provisions of rule 35(h) 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

- 22. In all events conducted by the Club (except where the format or venue otherwise dictates) male members shall tee off from the white tees
- 23. 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.
- 24. Female members having made their election shall play from the elected Tees in all events conducted by the Club (except where the format or venue 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 15.

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

- 25. Each member is required to learn the Rules of Golf and how to mark the scorecard for each event on the Fixture List.
- 26. 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.
- 27. All scorecards whether for a completed round or an uncompleted round 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

- 28. Only Full Playing members, Life Members, Senior Members and Junior members who are fully paid up shall be eligible to win prizes and trophies
- 29. 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.
- 30. Trophies for competition events shall be presented at the respective summer and winter trophy presentation nights.
- 31. To provide an element of surprise, the final results for the following events shall be withheld for announcement until the annual dinner/winter trophy presentation
 - a) the annual winner of the Least Putts Trophy
 - b) annual winners in each grade in the Monthly Competition
 - c) winners in each grade in the Winter Eclectic competition

Dress Conduct and Etiquette

- 32. 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.

33. 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.
34. (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

35. 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 35(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 list
 - 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 35(e) after obtaining a fully recognised handicap in accordance with rule 15.
- (g) Members requesting exemption from the provisions of rule 35(e) or 35(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

36. 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 14)
- (b) The GROSS prize winner is not eligible to also win their respective grade prize but shall receive the points referred to in rule 36(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 or do not complete a round 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

37. The Summer Cup shall be competed for during the first two weekends in February each year and the Winter Cup shall be competed for over the last two weekends in May of each year. Each event will take the format as follows:-
- a) The winner shall be the player with the lowest aggregate NETT score for the two rounds.
 - b) The playing order for each round will be determined by a draw as prescribed in sections 4 and 5 of the Appendix to these rules.
 - c) The player's handicap for the two rounds shall be that applicable at the start of the first round.

Under 65 Trophy

38. The **Under 65** (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 Under 65 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 Under 65 Trophy is awarded to the member having the lowest aggregate NETT score over the four rounds of the Summer and Winter Cups.

Over 65 Trophy

39. The **Over 65** (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 Over 65 Trophy a member must be 65 years of age or older on or before the commencement of the first round of the Summer Cup.

(b) The Over 65 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

40. 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.

Count Back System

41. a) The Match Committee, under guidance R&A official guide to the Rules of Golf – Committee Procedures – for resolving ties in Stroke Play games, using Section 7A (and Section 5A(6)). Winners and prize placings are to be determined on the scores for the last nine holes, still tied then last six holes and if still tied last 3 holes and still tied the 18th hole score.
- b) For NETT competitions handicaps should be deducted using the following:
- (a) Last nine holes deduct one-half of the handicaps;
- (b) Last six holes deduct one-third of the handicaps; and
- (c) Last three holes deduct one-sixth of the handicaps.

Individual and Pairs Match play

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

Eclectic Competition

43. 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. Ties will be resolved using the Golf Australia count back system applying the pro rata handicap allowance without reference to the stroke index.
- 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. "Best scores" means the actual best gross scores recorded on an eligible card submitted during the period of the competition.
- 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.

Appendix - Events - Conditions of Entry

Registration of intent to enter

1. To ensure a place, members intending to play in an event must register their name into the Onegolf system before 12 noon on the Wednesday 10 days preceding the event for Saturday golf, and 12 noon on the Thursday 10 days preceding the event for Sunday golf.

Payment of game fee

2. a) The member's game fee must be paid at or before the Wednesday social gathering preceding the event.
 - b) Payments will be accepted commencing from 7.00pm.
 - c) If a member is unable to attend the Wednesday social gathering payment may at the Treasure's discretion, be made to the Treasurer in advance or, another member may pay on that member's behalf. Payment by any other means shall be at the Treasurer's absolute discretion.

Note: Under no circumstances will a member's name be entered on to the event sheet if this condition is not met.

Social/non Draw events

3. On non draw weeks members attending the Wednesday social gathering may enter their own name and that of one other absent member provided condition 2 above is met. Bookers exercising their right under Rule 21(a) may even if absent from the Wednesday social gathering nominate one other member to their chosen time provided condition 2 above is met.

Draw events

4. On draw weeks a member's name will only be entered on to the event sheet if the member has drawn a token randomly from the 'Early' or 'Late' bag to determine the playing group and time.

5. In the case of couples/life partners only one of the partners needs to attend the Wednesday social gathering and only one time need be drawn, with the absent partner being allocated a tee time other than but as close as possible to, the time drawn.

Note: This is to facilitate couples travelling to the course together.

Members absent from Wednesday social gatherings

6. Other than bookers (and their partners under provision 5 above), members not attending the Wednesday social gathering and not entered by another member under provision 3 will be put on a reserve list and entered on to the event sheet only after those present have either drawn, or been given the option of exchanging their drawn time for a time left vacant after the draw.

General conditions

6. On Draw weeks Members are not entitled to change these procedures to facilitate cart sharing but such requirements will be accommodated if possible, provided those sharing rotate their sharing partners regularly.

Note: Failure to meet the requirement to rotate sharing partners will result in this facility being withdrawn.

7. Members may not move between playing groups without the Captain's consent. If consent is given the member moving must advise at least one player in the member's original playing group so they will not be expecting the member to play.

8. To facilitate the playing of match play events the Match Committee may on occasion temporarily rescind any of these conditions.

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