

## QUEANBEYAN GOLF CLUB LIMITED

# COMPETITION CONDITIONS AND PLAYERS INFORMATION

(Developed in concurrence with Queanbeyan Golf Club By-Laws as amended 2018)

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### 1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 The following competition conditions regulate the conduct of play and competitions at Queanbeyan Golf Club (hereafter referred to as the Club) for regular events, as specified in the “Golf Fixtures” tab on the Club website.
- 1.2 Additional information regarding golf operations can be found in the Club By-Laws on the Club website under Corporate/Governance.
- 1.3 This is a controlled document with changes requiring recommendation and ratification by the Match Committee.

### 2.0 Regular competitions

- 2.1 The conditions apply to the regular weekly men’s and women’s competitions specified in the “Golf Fixtures”.
- 2.2 The men-only competitions are held on Wednesdays, and are run by the Club Professional, and on Saturdays by the Club Match Committee. Women-only competitions that are conducted on Tuesdays and Saturdays are conducted by the Women’s Committee. Sunday competitions are medley events run by the Club Match Committee, who also conduct Open events.
- 2.3 Exceptions to the above, conducted by the Club Professional, are events run over the Christmas period (i.e. the latter half of December and most of January), Easter and other Public Holidays.

### 2.4 Eligibility

- 2.5 These competitions are open to eligible members with playing rights as defined in the By-Laws that can be found on the Club website. Eligibility also includes reciprocal members and visitors, as approved by the Captain, or her/his delegate, though they are ineligible to win a Monthly Medal or Honor Board events.

**NOTE:** Visiting members from other clubs (Reciprocal members exempt) must have played a minimum of 10 games out of 20 at their home course to be eligible to play regular events at our Club. Additionally, eligibility requires, they do not reside within 100 kilometre radius of Queanbeyan Golf Club.

The exception to the above are the Open Competitions (invitational events) such as the Queanbeyan City Open and Queanbeyan Cup.

### **3.0 Handicaps**

- 3.1 Australian handicaps for both men and women are based on the Golf Australia Handicap System. They are calculated from a rolling sample of the player's previous 20 scores. Your exact handicap will be the average of the best 8 differentials (differential=gross score minus for men and women the Daily Scratch Rating (DSR) of your most recent valid scores, the result of which is multiplied by 0.93.
- 3.2 The GolfLink website ([www.golf.org.au](http://www.golf.org.au)) can be sourced for more details including the calculations for players who have less than 20 valid scores recorded.

### **4.0 Competition bookings**

- 4.1 Bookings for all competitions are made, using the terminals in the Club foyer, Pro Shop, or on the internet via the Club's website. Bookings open at 6.00 am 14 days prior to the commencement of the event.

### **5.0 Fees and prizes**

- 5.1 Entry or competition fees for all regular Club events are payable to the Pro Shop Starter on the day. They vary according to the competition being played; the regular Tuesday, Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday competition fee is currently \$12.00. The Club Professional manages winner's vouchers, ball competitions, nearest the pins, eagle's nest results for the events he conducts.
- 5.2 The Club Match Committee's is responsible for managing the same range of results for events they conduct, as well as Monthly Medals, Eclectics, Championships, Opens, and Qualifiers.
- 5.3 The Women's Committee do the same for their Tuesday and Saturday competitions.
- 5.4 All match prizes (vouchers and balls) for regular events are credited against playing members account held by the Club Golf Professional in the Pro Shop. The value of these can be used as credit for bar sales by consultation with the Golf Professional and Match Committee.

### **6.0 Match Committee**

- 6.1 The Match Committee is responsible for the supervision and control of all golf contests, including checking player's handicaps, settlement of disputes and the selection of Pennant Teams.

### **7.0 Competitions**

- 7.1 Thirty (30) or more players are required to conduct a Men's competition  
Twelve (12) or more players are required to conduct a Women's competition

### 7.1 Events:

**Individual stroke:** full handicap

**Par:** full handicap

**Stableford:** full handicap

**Matchplay:** full difference of Stroke Indexes as found on scorecards.

**Ambrose:** Each member's tee shots must be used a minimum of 6 times for each 2 players, 4 times for 3 players and 3 times for 4 players. (The card must identify on what holes each player has used the required number of tee shots). The best ball is selected and all other balls are placed within one club length, no nearer the hole, of that position. All placements to result in the ball being played from the same condition as the selected shot (i.e. if the selected ball is in the rough or a hazard then the other balls are to be played from the rough or hazard) Continue to do this with every shot until into the hole. Two players – 1/4 of combined handicap; three players – 1/6 combined handicap; four players – 1/8 combined handicap.

**Bisque Par:** Player chooses on which holes to use his/her handicap. Player must nominate at completion of hole and before teeing off the next hole, whether shots are to be taken for that hole played and the number of shots taken.

**Foursomes:** One player drives from the odd number tees, partner drives from even number tees. Alternate shots played by players until the hole is completed. 1/2 combined handicaps.

**American Foursomes:** Both players drive from the tee, change over and play partner's ball, then choose best ball and proceed as in foursomes – 3/8 combined handicaps.

**Canadian Foursomes:** Both players drive from tee, choose the best ball. The partner of the player whose drive is selected then plays the next shot and proceeds as in foursomes – 3/8 combined handicaps.

**Four-Ball Matchplay:** The lowest marker to play from scratch. All other players are to play from the difference between lowest markers handicaps and their respective handicaps.

**Four-Ball Stableford Multiplier:** Both players record their individual score and their stableford points on the card. The teams overall result for the hole is determined by multiplying the two stableford results.

***Pairs Aggregate Stableford:*** Both players record their individual score and their stableford points on the card. The teams overall result for the hole is determined by adding the two stableford results.

## **8.0 Countback**

8.1 Unless the Match Committee otherwise determines prior to the event, a tie shall be decided by a countback. The following method shall be used:

- a) The best net score over the last 9 holes (half handicap); if still a tie,
- b) The best net score over the last 6 holes (third handicap); if a further tie,
- c) The best net score over the last 3 holes (sixth handicap); if still tied,
- d) Count back hole by hole from 18<sup>th</sup> hole (one eighteenth handicap).

## **9.0 Honour Board events**

9.1 Refer 'Major Events' in the Queanbeyan Golf Club By-Laws

## **10.00 Competition Results**

10.1 Event results can be found in various locations:

- a) the notice board in the Club House
- b) the notice board in the Pro Shop
- c) on-line via the Club website
- d) the Canberra Times newspaper sports results on Thursday's, Sunday's and Monday's

## **11.0 Players Responsibilities**

11.1 To check notices on Notice Boards including Local Rules

11.2 To ensure attendance on the day at the designated tee having prior to this presented themselves to the Starter at least 15 minutes prior to their start time. Cancellations, not able to be done online, are requested to notify **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE** before the day of the competition, the Club Professional or one of his staff.

11.3 To check their current handicap and ensure it is correctly recorded on the scorecard (playing off a higher handicap may result in disqualification). Player's name and badge number must also be on the scorecard.

11.4 To check and record their score for each hole (Rule 6-6b)

11.5 To settle doubtful points with the Committee and/or a representative of the relevant Committee

- 11.6 To ensure the marker has signed the card, and countersign the card
- 11.7 To record their competition score on the terminal in the foyer, or Club Pro Shop and place the scorecard in the score card box as soon as possible (with 15 minutes of completion of the round)

### **12.0 Markers Responsibility**

- 12.1 To check the score with the player after each hole (Rule 6-6a), including any penalty strokes and record it.
- 12.2 Sign the card and hand it to the player on the completion of the round

### **13.0 Care for your course:**

- 13.1 always carry a sand bucket and use it!
- 13.2 a ball hitting the green often leaves an indentation, a pitch mark, where it strikes the ground. These need to be repaired to keep the green in good condition. When golfers arrive at the green they should make it a point to find their pitch mark and repair it.
- 13.3 course care through the green: players should ensure that any turf cut or displaced by them is replaced and at once and covered by sand. Any damage on the putting green, which may be made by the ball or player, is to be carefully repaired.
- 13.4 on the putting green: caution should be taken by both cadies and players that no damage is caused to the putting surface when removing or replacing the flagstick, and that the flagstick is properly replaced when leaving the green.
- 13.5 a player should always enter and leave a bunker from the low side. After the shot, a player should rake smooth the sand and any footprints to leave a fresh surface for other players. At our Club the policy is to leave the rake in the bunker.
- 13.6 practice or social rounds on course: use only 2 balls at a time.
- 13.7 practice at the practice ground on competition days: only 3 balls must be used at a time.

### **14.0 Complaints or suggestions**

- 14.1 All complaints and/or suggestions regarding the course and play should be made in writing to the Club Captain or Match Committee. It is expected that these will be of a constructive, not destructive nature so as to aid the growth and development of the Club for the benefit of all. These matters may, however, be first discussed with the relevant committee.

### **15.0 Safety notice for all golfers**

- 15.1 Green maintenance: if the flag has been removed, the green is out of play and golfers are not to hit the green until the flag is replaced and staff have left the green
- 15.2 Fairway and rough maintenance: golfers must **wait** for an approaching vehicle or mower to pass behind, or out of range before playing their shots. Alternatively golfers may be called upon to play their shots by the operator
- 15.3 In all other situations **wait** acknowledgement from ground staff who are in range before playing the shot.

#### **16.0 Members undertaking**

- 16.1 Queanbeyan Golf Club is **your** Club and **your** course, of which you can be rightly proud. Your commitment to the Club together with your cooperation will ensure that our facilities remain first class.
- 16.2 Please read and understand the rules and etiquette of golf and Club by-laws
- 16.3 All ground and Club House staff have been requested by the Board, on your behalf, to assist in maintaining appropriate dress standards, behavior and etiquette. The Board will support all efforts in this regard.

# **Queanbeyan Golf Club By-Laws (amended 2018)**

(The following is a segment of the By-Laws relating to the conduct of golf as updated 13 March 2018)

## **2.0 GOLF OPERATIONS**

### **2.1 COMPETITIONS**

#### *2.1.1 Club Competitions*

Club competitions will be conducted on Tuesday (Women), Saturday and Sunday of each week, unless otherwise designated as a Pro Competition. All Club competitions will be administered by the Match Committee.

#### *2.1.2 Visitors in Club Competitions*

- Visitors may play in a Club competition subject to the following provisions:
- Visiting members from other clubs (Reciprocal members exempt) must have played a minimum of 10 games out of 20 at their home course to be eligible to play regular events at our Club. Additionally, eligibility requires, they do not reside within a 100 kilometre radius of Queanbeyan Golf Club.
- The exception to the above are the Open Pro Competitions (invitational events) such as the Queanbeyan City Open and Queanbeyan Cup.
- The visitor is not a member of a club in the ACT Monaro region and does not reside in that area (this Clause applies to Saturday competitions only)
- The visitor is an invited guest of a member of the Queanbeyan Golf Club
- The visitor is approved by the Club Captain, Vice-Captain, CEO or Club Professional
- The visitor has a Golf Link card as proof of membership and handicap
- The visitor pays the appropriate green fee
- Visitors may play in Monthly Medal or Club Championship events but are not permitted to contest a Medal or Club Championship award

#### *2.1.3 Pro Competitions*

Pro Competitions will be conducted on a Wednesday and/or other such days as designated by the Match Committee.

Pro Competitions will also be conducted on Saturdays and Sundays at the cessation of the regular Club Competition season (over the Christmas period and Public Holidays). The Club Professional or his delegate is charged with running and administering this event. Visitors in a Pro Competition are subject to the provisions detailed in 2.1.2.

#### *2.1.4 Tee Times*

Tee Times Tee times may be booked subject to the following provisions:

-Booking times will be released 2 weeks before the scheduled competition. Bookings -may be made on the computer located at the Clubhouse, the Pro Shop, or online via the Club website.

-Office staff are not to be contacted for the purpose of making bookings for members.

-Cancellations must be notified as soon as possible

-Via the office or Pro Shop up to 5.00pm on the last week day before the scheduled competition

-Via the pro shop on a weekend or the day of competition

-Players are required to register at the pro shop a minimum of 15 minutes before their scheduled tee time

-Players must not tee off before or after their allocated tee time unless so directed by the starter

#### *2.1.5 No Shows*

Members who make a booking to attend a competition are expected to play in accordance with their booked time or cancel a minimum of 24 hours prior to the scheduled event (excepting sickness or emergency). Members who fail to show for their booked tee time will be noted by the professional staff and referred to the Match Committee. A warning may be given in the first instance, however disciplinary action will be taken against members who continue to breach this provision.

## **2.2 MAJOR EVENTS**

#### *2.2.1 Club Championships (Men & Women)*

-To be played over 72 holes Eligibility: Full playing members only

#### *2.2.2 Foursome Championship (Men & Women)*

-To be played over 27 holes

-Eligibility: Full playing members only

#### *2.2.3 Mixed Foursomes Championship*

-Mixed event

-To be played over 27 holes

-Eligibility: Full playing members only

#### *2.2.4 4BBB Matchplay Championship (Men only)*

-Qualifying round to be played on a Saturday. Top 32 pairs will qualify for Matchplay elimination.

- Matchplay elimination to be played on Saturdays as determined by the Club Captain

- Eligibility: Male full playing members only

#### *2.2.5 Matchplay Championship (Men only)*

- Qualifying round to be played on a Saturday. Top 16 players in each grade will qualify for Matchplay elimination

- Matchplay elimination rounds to be played on Saturday as determined by the Club Captain.

- Eligibility: Male full playing members only

#### *2.2.6 Matchplay Championship (Women only)*

- Eligibility: Female full playing members only

#### *2.2.7 Monthly Medal (Men)*

- Monthly medal events will be conducted on one Saturday per month as determined by the Club Captain

- Eligibility: Male full playing members only

#### *2.2.8 Monthly Medal (Women)*

- Monthly medal events will be conducted on a Tuesday and a Saturday as determined by the Women's Captain

- Eligibility: Saturdays - Female Full playing members and Tuesdays - Female Weekday and Female Full playing members

- Full playing winners will be eligible for a Medal of Medals event to be played at the end of the season

#### *2.2.9 Queanbeyan City Open*

- Open event

- To be played over 18 holes

- Eligibility: Full membership and visitors possessing a current Women's or Men's Golf Australia handicap, and with regard to 2.1.2

#### *2.2.10 Queanbeyan Cup*

- Open event

- To be played over 18 holes

- Eligibility: Full membership and visitors possessing a current Women's or Men's Australia handicap and with regard to 2.1.2

### **2.3 GROUP BOOKINGS**

### 2.3.1 Member Social Play

Members may play at any time in accordance with their specific category of membership. Members are required to report to the pro shop before teeing off.

### 2.3.2 Corporate or Group Bookings

Corporate or group bookings are to be referred to Club Administration. Discounts may apply to group bookings, at the discretion of the Chief Executive Officer, or Club Professional.

### 2.3.3 Social Golf Clubs

Social golf clubs will be permitted to utilise the golf course on a Sunday morning from 7am on the 9th tee. Bookings are subject to pennants commitments and major events and remain at the discretion of the Club Captain or Club Professional.

## 2.4 DRESS REGULATIONS

The following dress is required for admittance to the golf course:

- Golf shoes or other footwear that completely encloses the foot
- Tailored shorts or pants – no football or running style shorts or tracksuit pants are permitted
- A collared shirt (including mock) – no offensive prints, text or numbers are permitted
- Players are required to be attired in a neat and tidy manner at all times.

## 2.5 RECIPROCAL RIGHTS

Members from Clubs that hold a reciprocal playing rights agreement with the Club are permitted to play socially or within competition subject to:

- The terms of the Reciprocal Agreement
- The person does not reside in the ACT Monaro region
- For a period of no more than six (6) rounds per calendar year
- Payment of the competition fee
- Payment of the relevant green fee

*The following fits under “Queanbeyan Golf Club, Pennant and Individual Representation Policy” and has no numbering associated with the section*

**Men’s Pennant Selection:**

**Consideration for Pennant** -At appropriate times the Match Committee will call for expressions of interest from members for Pennant selection.

This expression of interest can be by:

1. Notice on Match Committee Notice Board; or
2. By personal contact from Captain or Vice-Captain or a delegated Match committee member. This contact can be by phone or personal interview.

**Selection Criteria** that may be taken into account but not limited to:

- 1 Previous match play experience and performance/form in pennant representation; or
- 2 Previous match play experience and performance/form in Club match play competition; or
- 3 Recent stroke play competition form; or
- 4 Handicap considered suitable for the team being considered; or
- 5 Availability to play in all matches of the selected competition.

A Selection panel will be chosen by the Match Committee and Club Professional should include the Captain and Vice-Captain unless they request exclusion from the panel.

When the selection panel contains a member who has nominated for team selection, a decision to include that member is endorsed by the other members of the selection panel.

Team Captain’s are chosen by the selection panel. Club Captain or panel representative may consult with pennant team members before Team Captain is chosen.

Team Managers, if required will be chosen by the selection panel in consultation with Team Captain.

If the selection panel cannot agree on a team nomination, selection will be referred to the full Match Committee