

**Rules of Play**

**Handicap Gradings:-**  Gradings for usual Saturday competitions shall be:

 A Grade ≤ 12

 B Grade 13 - 18

 C Grade 19 - 36

 **Club Championships:-** To be played over 4 x 18 Hole rounds. Gradings shall be:

 A Grade ≤ 9

 B Grade 10 - 14

 B1 Grade 15 - 19

 C Grade 20 - 36

Grade handicaps may vary slightly due to numbers participating in each grade!

* The players with the top 4 gross scores in each grade, after 3 rounds, will play together as a seeded draw in the final round.
* A play-off shall be used to determine gross winners, in all grades, if scores are equal after the completion of the championship. (See play-offs on the next page!)

*Please Note:*

 *To be eligible to win a championship, in any grade, the player must have represented the club at pennants (minimum of 3 matches); or have played at least 5 competition rounds since the previous (like!) championship*.

**Senior Championships: -** To be played over 36 Holes in conjunction with the 1st & 2nd rounds of the club championships. Players 50 years & over are eligible for play.

**Junior Championships: -** To be played over 36 Holes in conjunction with the 1st & 2nd rounds of the club championships. Players under 18 years are eligible for play.

**Foursomes Championships: -** To be played over 27 Holes in Grades determined by the handicaps of teams nominated.

**Mixed Foursomes Championships: -** To be played over 18/27 Holes in Grades determined by the handicaps of teams nominated.

**PGA Members: -** Any member of the PGA granted permission to play in club events shall only be allowed to win scratch competitions, NTP, or ball competitions.

**Open Day: -** In the event of a tie, in the Open scratch event only, a play-off will be used to determine the winner. Time & conditions permitting. Otherwise a countback will be used to determine the winner. (See play-offs on the next page!)

A countback will decide the winner of all other events.

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**Play-Offs: -** For all events where a play-off is required the format will be aggregate stroke play over the 1st, 2nd & 8th Holes. If no result the sudden death format shall apply from the 9th Hole. Then to the 1st hole again & will continue until a result is obtained. If no result can be reached the outcome will be decided by those Match Committee members present.

**Countbacks: -** In the case of a tie in any event (other than play-off) the countback method shall be used. In stableford & par events the last 9 Holes shall be used. If still tied the last 6 Holes are used, then the last 3 Holes. Then Hole by Hole from the 18th. (Stroke - similar less 1/2, 1/3, 1/6 H/C)

**Course Closure: -** The course shall remain open unless a majority of the Match Committee plus the Curator & Chairperson of Greens decide otherwise.

**Dams & Ponds: -** Classed as Penalty areas. Boundary of Penalty areas shall be defined by red pegs. If no pegs in place, the water line shall define the boundary.

**Preferred lies: -** May be applied on the course any time at the discretion of the Match Committee.

**Course Records: -** A course record may be claimed in stroke play competitions provided the holes & tees are set in medal & championship positions. Play is ‘off the deck’.

**Juniors in Club Competitions: -** At least one full playing member must accompany the group.

**Ambrose Rules:**

* A team may consist of 4, 3 or 2 persons.
* Once the team selects the ball to be played, the other team members shall place their ball within one club-length of the selected ball.
* If the selected ball to be played is in the rough, on the fringe, in a bunker or penalty area the other balls must also be played from the rough, bunker or penalty area, as the case maybe.
* If the selected ball is being played from a bunker, the sand  may be raked prior to the other team members placing & playing their ball.
* On the  putting green a player may continue to putt out until the ball is holed.
* The  placed ball is not to be positioned nearer the hole & within 15cm of the selected ball.

**See Score Card & Local Rules Board for other conditions**

 **Competitions**

 Number of Players Number of Grades

 >49 3 Grades

 30 - 49 2 Grades

 <30 1 Grade