

These “**Conditions of the Competition**” are prepared under Rule 33-1 of the Rules of Golf where the Committee must establish conditions under which the competition is to be played.

1. Rules Governing Play

The Pinjarra Men’s Amateur event shall be conducted in strict uniformity with the

- i) Rules of Golf and
- ii) the PGC Local Rules,
- iii) Conditions of Competition contained within.

2. Match Committee

The Match Committee of the PGC is in charge of all aspects the competition. Access to the Match Committee is by the window to the Match Office adjacent to the Pro-Shop.

On competition day, the Captain shall be responsible for all competition play and for ensuring play is conducted within these guidelines. If the Captain is unavailable on any part of competition day then he shall appoint a designate from the Match Committee to take charge and be titled “**Captain of Day**”. The designate has full authority as the Captain to conduct that competition in the Captain’s absence. The “**Captain of Day**” will be listed on the Competition notice board.

Where not otherwise specified, a single member of the Match Committee can make a decision on match day and any such decision shall be deemed to be the decision of the full committee.

The Committee’s decision on matters affecting the Competition will be final.

3. Format of Event

The 2011 Pinjarra Men’s Amateur is to be played as a Stroke Event over 36 holes played on Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th October, 2011.

3.1. Cancellation of Round

Should any round be cancelled prior to or during the event for any reason whatsoever, then the event will become an 18 hole event.

4. Entrance Requirements for Event

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A man who is a current member of a Golf Club affiliated with Golf Australia and has an Australian Men’s Handicap may enter this competition.

A male junior player who is a current member of a Golf Club affiliated with Golf Australia, has an Australian Men’s Handicap may enter this competition provided he is over the age of 10 and is approved to play in his registered club senior competitions.

4.2. Exclusions from Entry

Any player currently subject to current suspension or prohibition by Pinjarra Golf Club, any other WA registered Golf Club or Golf WA is prohibited from entry.

If entrance fee has not been paid by due date, or by prior arrangement at registration, the player shall be excluded.

Failure to meet dress standards when presenting for registration will result in player’s registration being denied.

5. Nomination

Nomination for this event is by application form with form to be submitted by Friday 23rd September.

6. Competition Entry Fees.

The entry fee for this event shall be \$70.00.

7. Balloting

The field will be limited to a maximum of 240 players. Balloting for this event is will be on handicap for all paid entries received by due date. Late payment and entries will only be accepted if field is not filled, and ballot of late entries will be on first in or chronological basis.

8. Draw

Players shall be drawn into groups of 4. Allocation into groups shall be at the sole discretion of the PGC Match Committee. Late entries accepted will be fitted into the draw around other player's requirements.

The draw will be published at the PGC, on its website and distributed to participating clubs by approximately 7th October.

9. Registration

All players shall report to the Club Professional to register for an event 20 minutes prior to his nominated teeing time. The Club professional is empowered to settle any issues of handicap and eligibility before registering the player.

If entrance fee has not been pre-paid, it must be paid at registration to be eligible to play.

A player registering late for teeing time will only be accepted for the event if there are vacant teeing times available, if not he shall be disqualified. If a player fails to meet his registration obligations he forfeits his entrance fee.

10. Starting

A Starter has been appointed to ensure the players start at the time established by the Committee. He is empowered to settle any problems which may arise regarding starting times and provision of markers.

If a player, fails to report to the tee at the correct time without acceptable grounds by the Match Committee:

- Within 5 minutes of his teeing time he will be allowed to tee off with a Penalty of two (2) shots.
- After 5 minutes he shall be disqualified.

If a player fails to meet his starting obligations and is disqualified he forfeits his entrance fee.

11. Withdrawal from Competition

If a player withdraws before the draw, he will incur a \$10.00 administration charge.

If a player withdraws after the draw, his entrance fee shall be forfeited.

If any player that withdraws from the competition after registration, he shall be disqualified. If a player withdraws from a competition after he has registered, regardless of whether reason is accepted by the Match Committee, competition fees will not be refunded.

12. Handicaps

All Nett results for trophies for the event shall be determined using the Player's Australian Handicap at the commencement of play of the first round on the Saturday, that is, the player's handicap on the Saturday shall apply to both Saturday and Sunday rounds.

All results will be submitted for handicapping in accordance with Golf Australia guidelines.

13. Practice on Course

Other than allowed specifically in the Rules of Golf, Practice is not permitted on the course prior to the event. **The area around the practice green is deemed to be part of the course and practice is not permitted in that area. Chipping is NOT permitted on to or near the practice green prior to the commencement of play.**

Practice is permitted only as follows:

- All strokes – practice fairway only
- Chipping – Chipping green only
- Putting – practice green or chipping green only.

Practice on the competition course (or parts of it) is **NOT** permitted during suspension of play. Players may practice only on designated practice areas prior to resumption of play.

14. Pace of Play

In the interest of all, players have an obligation to play at a reasonable pace. It is the responsibility of each group to keep up with the group in front. Groups falling one or more holes behind are subject to penalty if they are playing at a rate of longer than 2 hours 10 minutes to complete nine holes. After first warning, the penalty for breach of this Rule for each player of the group as follows:

- First Offence – One stroke;
- Second offence – Two strokes.
- For subsequent offence – Disqualification

If individuals in the group have been identified by the Match Committee as the cause of slow play, it may, at its sole discretion, confine the penalty to those individuals of the group causing the slow play.

15. Mobile Phones and Electronic Devices (pagers, computers, televisions, radio, etc)

The use of all electronic devices is permitted provided it is **not** used

- To obtain instruction or advice on play,
- To analyse play,
- To gauge, measure or interpret information that might affect his play.

If the device is used for any of the listed activities, it is a breach of Rule 14-3, for which the penalty is disqualification. Mobile telephones, pagers and computers with phone capability are permitted for use during competitions provided they do not interfere with other competitors. They should be left in silent mode not to interfere with fellow competitors. Competitors with mobile phones in service shall advise fellow players in their group of its status. The use of the telephone must conform with all golf etiquette requirements, and breaches will be treated under that Rule of Golf.

If the use of any device disturbs or distracts others or slows play, the Match Committee may take the following action:

- Action as per pace of play – Clause 11.
- Disqualification for serious breaches of etiquette under Rule 33-7.

16. Distance Measuring devices (including GPS)

A player may obtain distance information by using a device that **measures distance only**. However if a distance measuring or other device that is designed to either gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play such as gradient, wind speed, temperature, effective distance, or calculate which club to use is in breach of Rule 14-3, regardless of whether he actually uses that component of the device. **Penalty is disqualification.**

17. Dress Requirements

Dress must comply with Club Dress Code. Any player not complying with the dress requirements shall not be allowed to commence play. If a person, originally complying with dress code, subsequently does not after being requested to conform, the penalty is disqualification.

18. Motorised Carts

Motorised carts including single person carts and motor bikes can be used only if

- a Current Medical certificate from a Registered Medical Practitioner has been submitted to and accepted by the PGC Match Committee, and
- subject to course condition as determined by the Grounds Superintendent of being acceptable to handle the traffic.

Motorised carts including single person carts and motor bikes shall not go either:

- Within 10m of a green.
- Onto any mown or elevated tee area.

Players breaching this requirement will be subject to the following penalty:

- **First instance – warning**
- **Second Instance – 2 stroke penalty**
- **Subsequent instance – disqualification**

19. People accompanying Players During Competition

Children below the age of 10 are not permitted on course unless supervised by a person other than a player or caddie.

20. Caddies

A child under the age of 10 shall not be a caddie. A player shall not be able to commence a competition round with an underage caddie. Should a player take an underage caddie after commencing the round he shall be disqualified.

21. Player Unsure of Ruling

If a Match Committee member is not present at an incident or close by to give a Ruling, a player unsure of a ruling is to play two balls per rule 3-3 rather than suspend play to seek a ruling.

Before submitting his card he is to contact a Member of the Match Committee as soon as practical and get a ruling and the complete his card and submit it. This can be achieved by approaching the match office window or Club Professional if no one is in the Match Office.

22. Completion of Card

Autoscore cards will be printed with the player's official handicap printed on it.

Players are required only to complete the written section of the card, writing the number of strokes taken and signing appropriately on the back of the card as marker or player.

*A player's scorecard will **not** be accepted **if only the autoscore** part has been completed.*

If the player has completed the autoscore and the written section, then the result on the written section will be taken as the recorded score if it is higher than the autoscore number.

The Committee is responsible for completion of the autoscore part of the card and submitting it to the scanner.

23. Return and Analysis of Scorecards

Score cards shall be returned to the "Score card" mail slot at the **Match Committee Office**.

Score cards delivered in any other fashion **may** not be accepted.

Once returned a score card cannot be retrieved for any purpose.

Cards submitted later than 20 minutes completing their round will not be accepted and the player disqualified from that round.

24. Results – Scratch (gross) and Nett Results

The "scratch" result will be determined by the player's exact score on each hole.

The Nett score will be determined by deducting the player's Australian handicap from his gross score.

24.1. Grades and Divisions

The following grades will be set for the Event

- A Grade handicap less than or equal to 12.
- B Grade handicap between 13 and 18 inclusive.
- C Grade handicap between 19 and 36.

Senior divisions are age as of October 14, 2011:

- Veteran Aged 55 to 64 inclusive
- Vintage Aged over 65.

24.2. Splitting Ties - Overall Winner- Scratch (gross)

A hole by hole play-off conducted under stroke play shall be used to determine the winner.

Play off will be in sequence of Hole 10 followed by Hole 18, then back to Hole 10 until there is a decision or course is unplayable as determined by the Match Committee.

If the winner cannot be determined by play-off due to any reason determined by the match Committee, then the winner shall be determined by count-back per the method outlined below in 25.6.

24.3. Splitting Ties - All other results

A count-back shall be used to separate all other matching scores.

The count-back method will be:

- The final 18 holes. If equal, then
- The best score for the last nine holes of the final round. If equal then
- the last six holes, If equal then
- last three holes, If equal then
- Finally hole-by-hole from the 18th hole of the second round to the first hole of the first round.

NOTE: The "last nine holes, last six holes, etc" shall be considered to be holes 10-18, 13-18, etc.

If scores are still matched then the result will be decided by spin of Wheel conducted by the Match Committee.

The handicap used in the count-back shall be:

- Last 9 holes - one-half,
- Last 6 holes - one-third,
- Last 3 Holes - one-sixth
- Hole by Hole - one eighteenth,

etc of the handicaps should be deducted for each summed result. Fractions of handicaps shall be used.

25. Prizes

A player will only be awarded **one** overall or daily prize.

The following overall prizes will be awarded:

- Scratch winner and Runner Up
- Nett winner and Runner up
- Grades A,B,C Gross winner and Runner up
- Grades A,B,C Nett winner and Runner up
- Veteran (55-64 years) Nett Winner
- Vintage (>65 years) Nett Winner

The following daily prizes will be awarded:

- Scratch Winner
- Nett Winner

Novelty

Novelty prizes will be provided for each of the Grades A, B & C and will be shown on the Match day Board for the round. A player may win multiple Novelty prizes.

26. Suspension and Cancellation of a Competition – Dangerous or Unplayable Conditions

Discontinuance of play for all rounds of golf (including competitions) at PGC is governed by Rule 6-8 and 33-2.

Play **shall be suspended** if it conditions are **dangerous** to players or people on course.

Otherwise play shall continue and will **only** be suspended if conditions render the course to be **unplayable** to the extent that continued play would be unfair, there are circumstances that render the proper playing of the game impossible or seriously damage may be caused to the course impacting on future play.

On notification of suspension all players shall cease play in accordance with Rule 6-8.

The following signals shall be used by the Match Committee to signify suspension and resumption of play:

- **Discontinue Play for Dangerous Situation (i.e. immediate suspension):**
One prolonged note of siren
- **Discontinue Play for Non-Dangerous Situation**
Three consecutive notes of siren, repeated
- **Resume Play:**
Two short notes of siren, repeated

If conditions have abated and the Match Committee deem that the competition **can be completed** within the allocated time frame, **play shall resume** and all players shall resume play.

Players may withdraw from the competition if play has been suspended, but will be disqualified. The Match Committee shall consider that is an acceptable reason for withdrawal.

If conditions have abated and the Match Committee deems that the competition **cannot be completed** within the allocated time frame **play for that round shall be cancelled**.