

1. PINJARRA 4 BALL MASTERS - CONDITIONS FOR COMPETITION

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.

1.1. Match Committee

The Match Committee is in charge of all aspects the competition. The Committee’s decision on matters affecting the Competition will be final.

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 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. The “**Captain of Day**” will be listed at the top of temporary local rules notice board.

1.2. Format of Event

The Pinjarra Men’s Amateur 4 Ball is to be played as a 4 ball better ball Nett competition over 18 holes on Friday October 14th 2011.

1.3. Entrance Requirements for Events

A man who is a current member of a Golf Club affiliated with Golf Australia may enter this competition.

A male junior player who is a current member of a Golf Club affiliated with Golf Australia may enter this competition provided he is over the age of 10 and regularly plays in his affiliated club’s senior competition.

Any player currently subject to current disciplinary action of Pinjarra Golf Club, any other Golf Club or Golf WA is prohibited from entry into this Event. Failure to meet dress standards when presenting for registration will result in player’s registration being denied.

1.4. Nomination and Balloting

Nomination for this event is by form returned to the PGC by 5pm Friday September 23rd, 2011.

Players nominating for the Men’s Amateur on the weekend will have priority.

Balloting for this event is on a chronological basis – last in, first out basis for those not playing on the weekend.

1.5. Competition Entry Fees.

The entry fee for this event shall be \$10 per player. This is payable on application – Players not having paid before registration will not be permitted to participate.

1.6. Registration and Starting

All players shall report to the Pro Shop to register for an event 15 minutes prior to his nominated teeing time.

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

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.

The Club Professional or his agent or Match Committee Appointee will act as starter to ensure the players start at the time established by the Committee and to issue each competitor with a dated score card. He is empowered to settle any problems which may arise regarding starting times, markers, handicaps, etc.

If a player fails to report to the tee at the correct time without acceptable grounds, the team will suffer penalty of:

- If within 5 minutes of teeing time, a Penalty of two (2) points.
- After 5 minutes, disqualification.

1.7. Handicaps for events

All net results for trophies sanctioned by the PGC shall be determined using the Player’s Australian Handicap.

1.8. Splitting Ties

A count back shall be used to separate matching scores. The count back will start from the 18th hole, using the team’s nett score on each hole.

- The winner shall be the team with the lowest score for the best score for the last nine holes (holes 10-18).
- If the tying players have the same score for the last nine, the last 6 holes will be used (holes 3-18),
- If the tying players have the same score for the last six holes, the last three holes (holes 16-18),
- If the tying players have the same score for the last three holes a hole-by-hole count back from the 18th hole to the first.

If scores are still matched then the result will be decided by spin of Wheel or toss of coin as determined by the Match Committee.

1.9. Handicapping Treatment

Consistent with Golf Australia handicapping guidelines, Pinjarra golf club will submit individual player's results for those that meet GA requirements for Four-ball scores MUST be used for handicapping an individual player.

The scores will entered as ad-hoc scores.

1.10. Practice on Course

Practice is not permitted on the course prior to any stroke play 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.**

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.

1.11. 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

For such a stableford event these penalties shall be applied in accordance with Rule 33 –

- 1 hole, 1 point
- 2 holes, 2 points

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.

1.12. 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. Use of the telephone must conform with 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 following action:

- Verbal, Written warning and suspension if offence is repeated.
- Disqualification for serious breaches of etiquette under Rule 33-7.

1.13. Distance Measuring devices (including GPS)

For all play a player may obtain distance information by using a device that **measures distance only**.

However if during a competition 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.

1.14. Clothing

Dress must comply with PGC 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, the penalty is disqualification.

1.15. Motorised Carts

Motorised carts including single person carts and motor bikes can be used without restriction subject to course condition being acceptable and the player keeps the cart within designated areas.

The Grounds Superintendent shall decide on the day of the event whether the course is in suitable condition to accept motorised carts

Unless on a designated pathway or track, motorised carts including “gophers” and motor bikes shall not go:

- Off grassed area
- Past the tree line on a fairway.
- Within 10m of a green.
- Onto any mown or elevated tee area.

Players breaching this direction will:

- First instance – warning
- Subsequent instance – disqualification.

1.16. People accompanying Players During Competition

Children below the age of 10 are not permitted on course during competitions.

People accompanying a player are the responsibility of the player. Any breaches of Club rules and laws or the etiquette of golf will be deemed to acts of the player and the player subject to applicable penalty as if he alone committed the breach.

1.17. 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.

Any breaches of Club rules and laws or the etiquette of golf by the caddie will be deemed to acts of the player and the player subject to applicable penalty as if he alone committed the breach.

1.18. Completion, Return and Analysis of Scorecards

Dated cards will be provided. Signed completed cards shall be returned through the card slot at the Match Office window. Cards returned in any other manner may not be accepted. Cards shall not be returned to the player after placement in the slot for any reason. Cards not returned within 20 minutes after completion of the players' round will not be accepted.

1.19. 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.

1.20. Withdrawal from Competition

Golf at PGC is played by players mainly for recreation and thus the Match Committee will be generous in accepting reasons for withdrawal for cards to be submitted for handicap purposes.

However as far as the competition status is concerned, any player that withdraws from a competition shall be disqualified.

If a player withdraws from a competition after he has started play, regardless of whether reason is accepted by the Match Committee, competition fees will not be refunded.

1.21. 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 its 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 serious 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. Players withdrawing under these circumstances forfeit their competition fee.

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