

## GENERAL CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION

The following Conditions of Competition are applicable to ALL COMPETITIONS played at Mount Coolum Golf Club (MCGC) unless otherwise noted in an Event's Conditions of Competition. If any conflict of wording exists, the Event's Conditions of Competition shall take precedence.

### 1. EVENT COMMITTEE

An Event Committee formed by the relevant Mount Coolum Match Committee shall have sole management and control of the event. The Event Committee reserves the right to:

- (a) Fix and/or alter starting times.
- (b) In the event of bad weather, course conditions, or for any other reason, either shorten the event or fix another date and/or venue.
- (c) Vary any condition should it be deemed advisable.
- (d) Reject any entry without assigning any reason therefore.

The decisions of the Event Committee will be final in all matters and in the absence of the full Match Committee, such authorised members as may be present at the time may give a decision, and any such decision shall be deemed to be a decision of the full Match Committee.

### 2. COMPETITION ENTRIES

The competition is open to all amateur golfers with an Australian Handicap who are members of a Club affiliated, through their District Golf Association with Queensland Golf, or with other State Golf Associations.

Tee timeslots for competitions are offered using a Competition Timesheet.

The prescribed Competition Fee shall be paid before commencement of the Event.

### 3. PUBLICITY

MCGC often arranges publicity before and after events. It is a condition of entry to all competitions that all players assent to references to them, and pictures of them in practice and play being published via any medium including the internet. This includes results of competitions.

### 4. GROUP CAPTAIN

The player with the lowest handicap in any type of match or competition shall be the captain of his/her match/group. It shall be this player's responsibility to ensure that the etiquette of the game and the general conditions of play are strictly observed.

### 5. PRIVACY

MCGC may retain the personal details (i.e. name, address and handicap) of entrants in any event on its records. The purpose of doing so is such that information on other future events conducted by MCGC can be forwarded as deemed appropriate by MCGC.

This information will not be available to any other organisation. Any person may have their details removed from this database by telephoning the MCGC office on (07) 5446 1539.

### 6. HONORARY MEMBERS

Competitors that are visitors and member's guests from other clubs will be made Honorary Members of Mount Coolum Golf Club for the duration of the event.

### 7. DRESS REGULATIONS

Players and Caddies must comply with the dress regulations of the MCGC. Please refer to the course and clubhouse noticeboards.

### 8. PRACTICE

Practice is permitted only in accordance with the Rules of Golf. **Rule 7-1 Exception** states: Practice putting or chipping is permitted on or near the first teeing ground before starting a round or play-off. Also, practice shots are not permitted within 10 metres of any green on the course before any stroke round.

### 9. RULES

The Rules of Golf as adopted by the R & A Rules Limited will apply together with such Local Rules as are approved by the Event Committee.

### 10. COURSE MARKERS

During practice or during a competition, a player shall not place on the course, or cause to be placed on the course, any artificial marker or other device designed to indicate course measurements. Devices that measure distance ONLY are permitted. A Player may obtain distance information using a device that ONLY measures distance and NOT gradient, wind or temperature.

## **11. DRAW AND STARTING TIMES**

Typically a timesheet for each competition will be provided. Players shall start at the time and in the group arranged by the Starter/Committee.

All players must arrive, register and be ready to play at least 15 minutes before their allotted tee time. Failure to do so may result in penalty or disqualification at the discretion of the Starter and the Match Committee as follows:

- i) If a player is not at their first tee, ready to play, at their allotted time and when the group ahead is out of range, the player shall be penalised two (2) strokes at the first hole (5 minutes max.).
- ii) If a player arrives at their first tee more than five (5) minutes after their allotted tee time and the group ahead is out of range, the player is disqualified and all fees forfeited.

## **12. EQUIPMENT**

It is obligatory for all competitors to play with equipment which conforms to the current Rule 4 of the Rules of Golf. A player in breach of this condition will be disqualified.

MCGC does NOT have a "one ball" policy. The player shall notify his/her marker of the brand and type of ball and/or the personal mark on the ball prior to use of that ball.

## **13. RETURNING OF SCORE CARD**

Within 15 minutes of the end of each round, scorecards shall be completed and placed in the competition box. A player's score card is deemed officially returned to the Committee when the player has dropped the card through the score card slot. In addition to the information required by the Rules of Golf, the START and FINISH times and the STABLEFORD SCORE for each hole are required to be recorded on ALL scorecards.

Also, in order to assist in the administration of the competition, each player is requested to enter their hole-by-hole scores (as appropriate for each type of competition) into a kiosk computer as provided by the Event Committee. Failure to carry out these duties may result in disciplinary sanctions (e.g. ineligibility to play in future club competitions for a period of time).

## **14. MOBILE PHONES**

The use of mobile phones by players and/or caddies during any competition round is prohibited except for emergencies. Mobile phones may be taken on the course only if switched off or on "silent". Serious breaches of etiquette may result in disqualification.

## **15. SHOE SPIKES**

Metal spiked shoes are prohibited on the course. Players will be required to change to soft spikes or appropriately-soled shoes prior to beginning their round. Penalty: Disqualification.

## **16. TRANSPORTATION**

Generally motorised player transport is permitted during competitions at MCGC. Use of motorised transport may be restricted during particular events, course and/or weather conditions.

## **17. PACE OF PLAY**

The Match Committee has established a Pace of Play Policy in accordance with Rule 6-7 Note 2. This policy will be strictly enforced. All competitors are required to keep up with the group ahead. This may require players to abandon some traditional etiquette in favour of playing "READY GOLF". As specified in the Rules of Golf, if a group loses a clear hole and is delaying the group behind, it must invite the group behind to play through.

## **18. DRUG TESTING**

All competitors are subject to drug testing by the Australian Sports Drug Agency for banned substances as laid down in Golf Australia's Doping Policy. Any competitor infringing this policy or refusing to take a test may be disqualified.

## **19. TIES**

In the event of a tie or ties, the trophies will be decided by the Australian Countback System.

## **20. PROTESTS**

Protests must be lodged in writing with the player's scorecard no later than 15 minutes after the conclusion of the player's round. The decision of the Committee shall be final in all matters relating to the event.

## **21. TROPHIES**

Trophies will be awarded for various handicap and competition categories at the discretion of the Event Committee.