

IGC Men's CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS – 2008

Conditions of Play

DATES OF PLAY:

- First Qualifying Round of Stroke Play --- Saturday 2nd August 2008
- Second Qualifying Round of Stroke Play (alternate course) – Saturday 9th August 2008
- First Match play rounds: Saturday 16th August 2008
- Quarter Final Match play rounds: Sunday 17th August 2008
- Semi Final Match play rounds: Saturday 23rd August 2008
- Final Match play rounds: Sunday 24th August 2008

EVENTS TO BE CONTESTED:

- Open Club Championship
- IGC Plate (handicaps of 3.9 -10.4)
- B Grade Club Championship (handicaps between 10.5 and 18.4)
- B Grade Plate (handicaps between 10.5 and 18.4)
- C Grade Championship (handicaps between 18.5 and 22.4)
- D Grade Championship (handicaps between 23.5 and 27.4)
- Senior Championship (Ages 55 to 64 years inclusive as at 2nd August 08)
- Veteran Championship (Ages 65 years and over as at 2nd August 08)

DETAILS OF EACH EVENT'S BACKGROUND AND FORMAT

As per the 2008 Member's Fixtures Book.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS

To be eligible to play in ANY Championship event, a member must:

- Hold the appropriate membership category allowing him to play on Saturdays and
- Be a financial member of the club
- Hold a current Golf Australia handicap (a "Club" handicap DOES NOT qualify)

Pace of Play will be strictly enforced during qualifying rounds and the match play rounds. Round Time Allowance for each of the two stroke play qualifying rounds is 4 hours and 20 minutes. Groups that fall behind, are warned, and do not catch up to the group in front and/or, bring themselves back "onto the clock", will incur penalty strokes as per the Pace of Play policy. In the match play section, the Round Time Allowance for an 18 hole, 2 person match play game is 3 hours and 30 minutes. The Referees assigned to the matches have been briefed to make sure the match play games are conducted within the Pace of Play guidelines.

The Countback process will be used to determine qualifiers in all events, should there be ties on the last qualifying scores.

Players late to the tee for qualifying or match play rounds will be dealt with according to Rule 6.3.

CHOICE OF EVENTS AVAILABLE TO CONTESTANTS

In previous years, a very large amount of time has been expended by the Golf Shop staff in trying to organize the qualifying fields where players have qualified for multiple events. Historically, the championship fields have not be set until 4 or 5 days after the second round of qualifying because of the time consumed in contacting the various players and negotiating with them individually about which event best suits their personal preferences. From 2008 a more transparent and efficient process will be in action allowing players to nominate their first event preference prior to qualifying commencing OR to simply let their scores determine which events they qualify for and compete in.

Players will NOT be able to negotiate after the second round of qualifying with the Golf Shop staff as to which event they would like or not like to play in. The player can select Option B as outlined below PRIOR to the first round of qualifying and nominate his priority event, but in the absence of that instruction on the relevant sheet, Option B is automatically in play.

To make this possible, it is necessary to set a table of "Event Priority" so that scores are automatically, (should a player choose NOT to nominate a preferred event), placed into the highest event category available.

Contestants have two options available to them in terms of their choices of events in 2008.

OPTION A:

First option is to simply let his qualifying scores determine which event he qualifies for according to any handicap or age conditions. This is an automatic process whereby a contestant's scores in qualifying, and/or his age of handicap category, place him into the events in the order below:

1. Open Club Championship
2. B Grade Championship
3. C Grade Championship
4. D Grade Championship
5. Senior Championship
6. Veteran Championship

In this automatic process, (which is basically, the current and historical method of setting the fields), and if the player's qualifying scores do not place him in one of the events above, he becomes eligible (Subject to his handicap status) to play in the A Grade Plate or the B Grade Plate. This process is the default process applied in the absence of a specific nomination from a player as below.

OPTION B:

The alternative option is for a contestant to nominate his preferred Championship event on the sheet that will be available to each player when he collects his scorecard on the first day of qualifying. By nominating a preferred event, the player's qualifying scores will be allocated to that nominated event.