

AUSTRALIAN POLICE GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE

There shall be annual Australian Police Golf Championships (the Championships) open to members of each Australian state or territory police golf club.

The purpose of the Championships shall be to promote fellowship and goodwill among police golf club members.

The Championships shall be run in accordance with the Rules of Golf.

1. DEFINITIONS

1.1 A COMPETITOR shall be a police or patron member who has applied to participate in the Championships, in a format acceptable to the host state or territory, who has paid the entrance fee by the required date and who has been accepted to participate by the host state or territory.

1.2 A POLICE MEMBER shall be a serving sworn police officer, or a former sworn police officer having at least ten years cumulative service, and who is recognised as a police member by his or her respective state or territory police golf club.

1.3 A POLICE VETERAN shall be a police member of or above the age of fifty-five years on the first day of the stroke competition.

1.4 A PATRON MEMBER shall be a member of a state or territory police golf club who is not a police member.

2. AUSTRALIAN POLICE GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS COUNCIL

2.1 There shall be an Australian Police Golf Championships Council (the Council), which shall consist of not more than three delegates from each of the participating states or territories, who shall meet immediately prior to the commencement of the Championships.

2.2 The Council shall deal with all business brought forward to determine:

- (a) the venue for the subsequent two Championships; and
- (b) any other matters concerning the running of the Championships.

2.3 The president and secretary of the host state or territory shall act as the president and secretary of the Council, with their duties to commence at the conclusion of the previous Championships and to finish at the conclusion of the Championships they host.

3. CHAMPIONSHIPS

3.1 Subject to Clauses 8.1 & 8.2, the Championships shall consist of:

- (a) a 4 Ball Better Ball (4BBB) Stableford handicap competition to be played on a day of the Championships as determined by the host state or territory. A competitor shall be partnered with a competitor from a different state or territory, in the first instance;
 - (i) competitors shall not be bound by the interstate restriction of clause 3.1 (a) when they are partnered with a competitor with whom they have competed during at least five previous Championships.
- (b) for police members, three rounds of graded stroke play, incorporating graded handicap competitions;
- (c) the Interstate Team Trophy consisting of three rounds of handicap net competition with the best eight scores to count in each round; and
 - (i) each state or territory may enter teams of not less than eight or more than ten competitors; and
 - (ii) each team shall be composed of police members; however
 - (iii) a state or territory unable to field one team of police members in the first instance, may supplement that team with their patron members to a maximum of fifty percent of its total; and
 - (iv) a state or territory fielding multiple teams may only use their patron members to supplement their final team to a maximum of fifty percent of its total;
- (d) for police veterans, handicap stroke play played over the three stroke rounds of the Championships; and
- (e) for patron members, handicap stroke play played over the three stroke rounds of the Championships.

3.2 Female competitors shall nominate to the host Match Committee, prior to the commencement of the Championships, the event in which they wish to compete (i.e. stroke or net events). Female competitors wishing to compete in the gross event shall play from the men's tees. Female competitors competing in the net events are ineligible for any gross event.

4. PERPETUAL TROPHIES

4.1 The following perpetual trophies shall be contested during the Championships and will be presented in the following order of priority:

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| (a) John Stone Trophy | best Championship gross score |
| (b) Australian Credit Union Trophy | best total net score - all grades |
| (c) Jim Fern Trophy | best A grade gross score |
| (d) James Cusack Trophy | best B grade gross score |
| (e) Geoff Harrison Trophy | best C grade gross score |
| (f) WAPGC Trophy | best A grade net total |

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| (g) QPGC Life Members Trophy | best B grade net total |
| (h) Barry Burns Trophy | best C grade net total |
| (i) Interstate Team Trophy | best team score |
| (j) Wally Panomarenko Trophy | best veteran net total |
| (k) Ken Bunyan Shield | best 4BBB Stableford score |
| (l) Jim Stevens Patron Trophy | best patron net total |

4.2 A competitor shall only be eligible to win one individual perpetual trophy as listed in 4.1 except the Wally Panomarenko Trophy. If a competitor has a winning score for multiple, individual perpetual trophies other than as mentioned, the next placed competitor in those subsequent competitions shall receive the perpetual trophy and any associated prizes.

5. TIES

5.1 Ties for any gross Championship competition shall be decided by a sudden death play-off, with the host Match Committee to determine the holes to be used. If a play-off cannot be held or completed as ruled by the host Match Committee, the title shall be shared. The associated winner's prize shall be awarded to the competitor with the lowest gross score in the final round, with count-back rules to be applied if necessary.

5.2 A tie for the Interstate Team Trophy shall be called a draw. The associated winners' prizes shall be awarded to the team with the lowest final round total net score (eight competitors), with count-back rules to be applied if necessary.

6. HANDICAPS

6.1 The rules governing the Championship handicaps are:
 (a) competitors holding a Golf Australia handicap shall use that handicap during the Championships. Competitors not holding the above handicap shall use their state or territory police golf club handicap, which shall be calculated as per the rules and/or guidelines of Golf Australia.

- (b) grading for the Championships shall be:
 A grade up to 12;
 B grade 13 to 19;
 C grade 20 to 36 and for female competitors up to 45;

6.2 state or territory representatives shall produce evidence of the current handicap of any or all competitors of their state or territory to the host captain upon request;

6.3 a competitor shall produce evidence of their current handicap to the host captain upon request; and

6.4 the host Match Committee shall have the authority to re-handicap any competitor, for any subsequent daily competitions, according to the results and the Rules of Golf.

7. MOTORISED CARTS

- 7.1 A competitor may use a motorised cart during the Championships when a medical certificate supports its use, or the competitor is of or above the age of sixty-five years on the first day of the Championships.
- 7.2 Clause 7.1 shall not apply when the management of the course to be played requires that all competitors use motorised carts.

8. UNFORSEEN CIRCUMSTANCES

- 8.1 In the event of any unpredictable or sudden happening (e.g. inclement weather), the host state or territory may alter the format of any affected competition.
- 8.2 In the event of any unforeseen circumstance arising less than three months prior to the commencement of the Championships, the Council may suspend any clause of this Constitution for the fair and equitable running of that Championship.
- 8.3 The host Match Committee is hereby empowered to assign prizes to any affected competition.

9. CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

- 9.1 Each state or territory secretary shall be the only authority to submit applications from competitors from their state or territory.
- 9.2 All competitors shall be financial members of their respective state or territory police golf clubs.
- 9.3 All competitors and non-competing persons shall consider themselves bound by this Constitution.

10. LEVIES

- 10.1 The host state or territory shall determine all levies to be raised to conduct their Championships.
- 10.2 Any non-competing person who attends any Championships function shall pay any levy required by the host state or territory.

11. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

- 11.1 Any amendments to this Constitution shall only be made by a majority vote of delegates at the annual Council meeting.
- 11.2 The host secretary shall receive any notice/s of motion to amend the Constitution in writing and three months prior to the next Council meeting. The host secretary shall advise other state or territory secretaries of such notice/s in writing, as soon as possible and no later than two months prior to that Council meeting.